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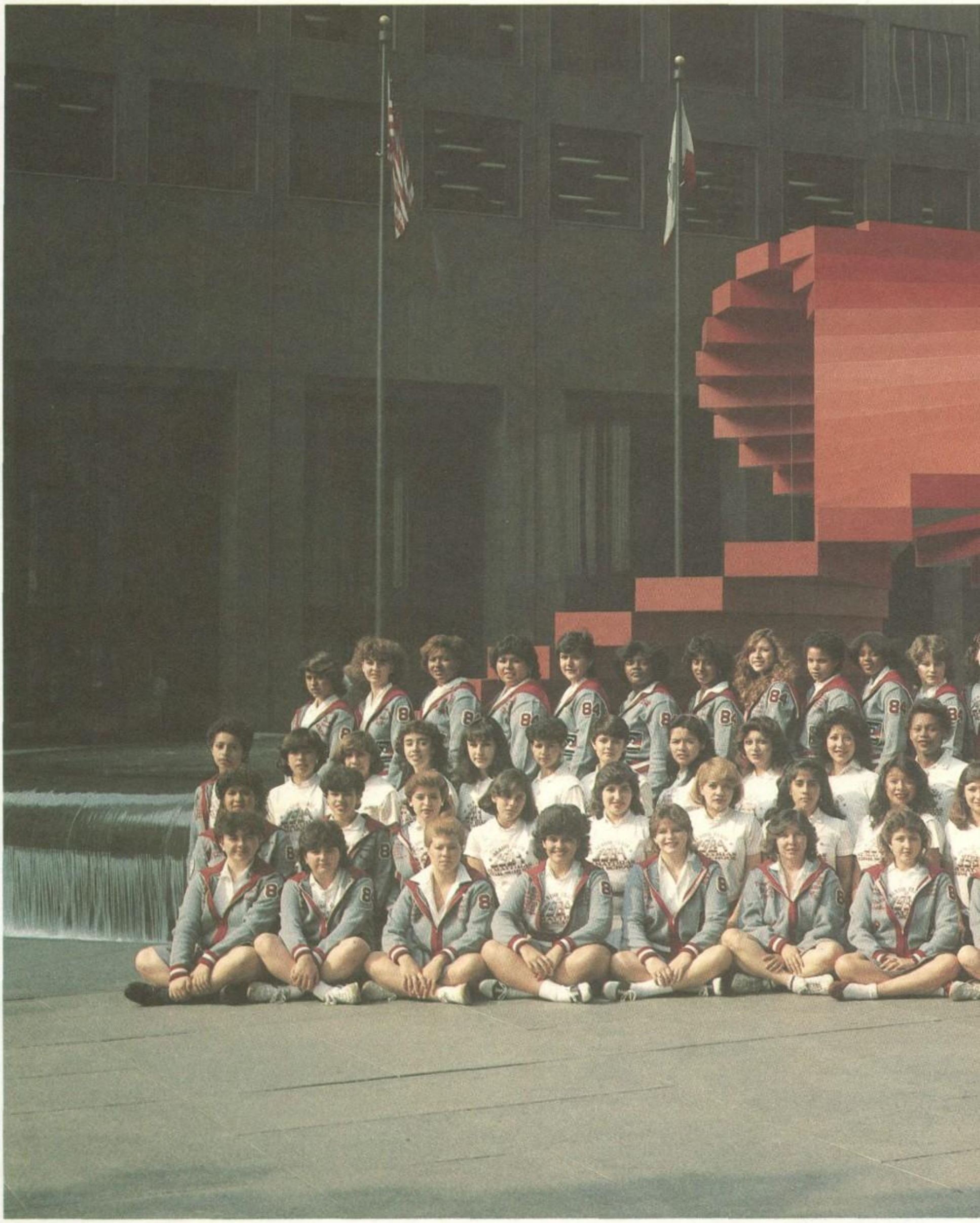

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n. 1) tending toward a common point or result. 2) approaching a limit

We are travelers
in search of
knowledge that will
aid us in fulfulling
our ultimate goals.

Through the beauty
of a sunset,
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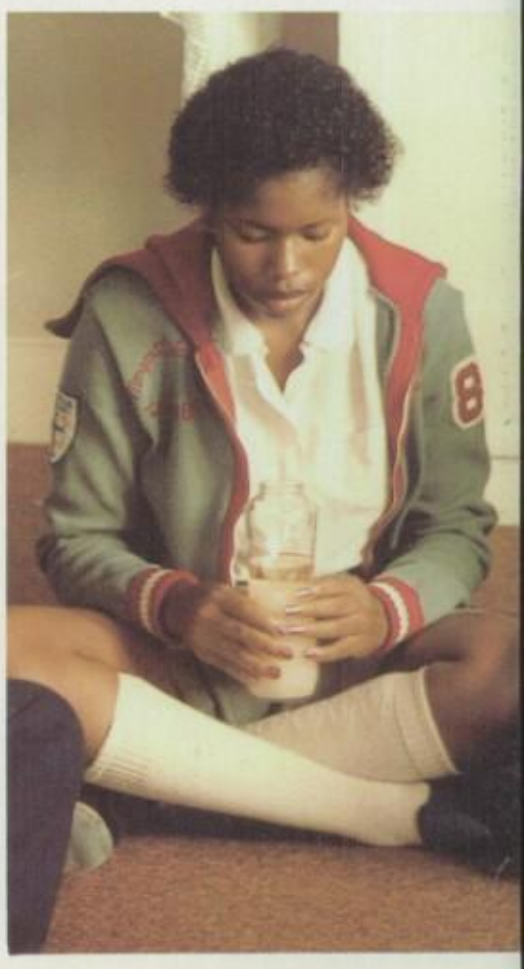
God's presence unites
and surrounds us.



It makes groups of people
different.
It gives them a reason
to be proud
It comes in many forms and
it is what makes the world go
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Culture:
the distinction of a race.

Happiness, smiles and troubles
bring us together
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Friendship:
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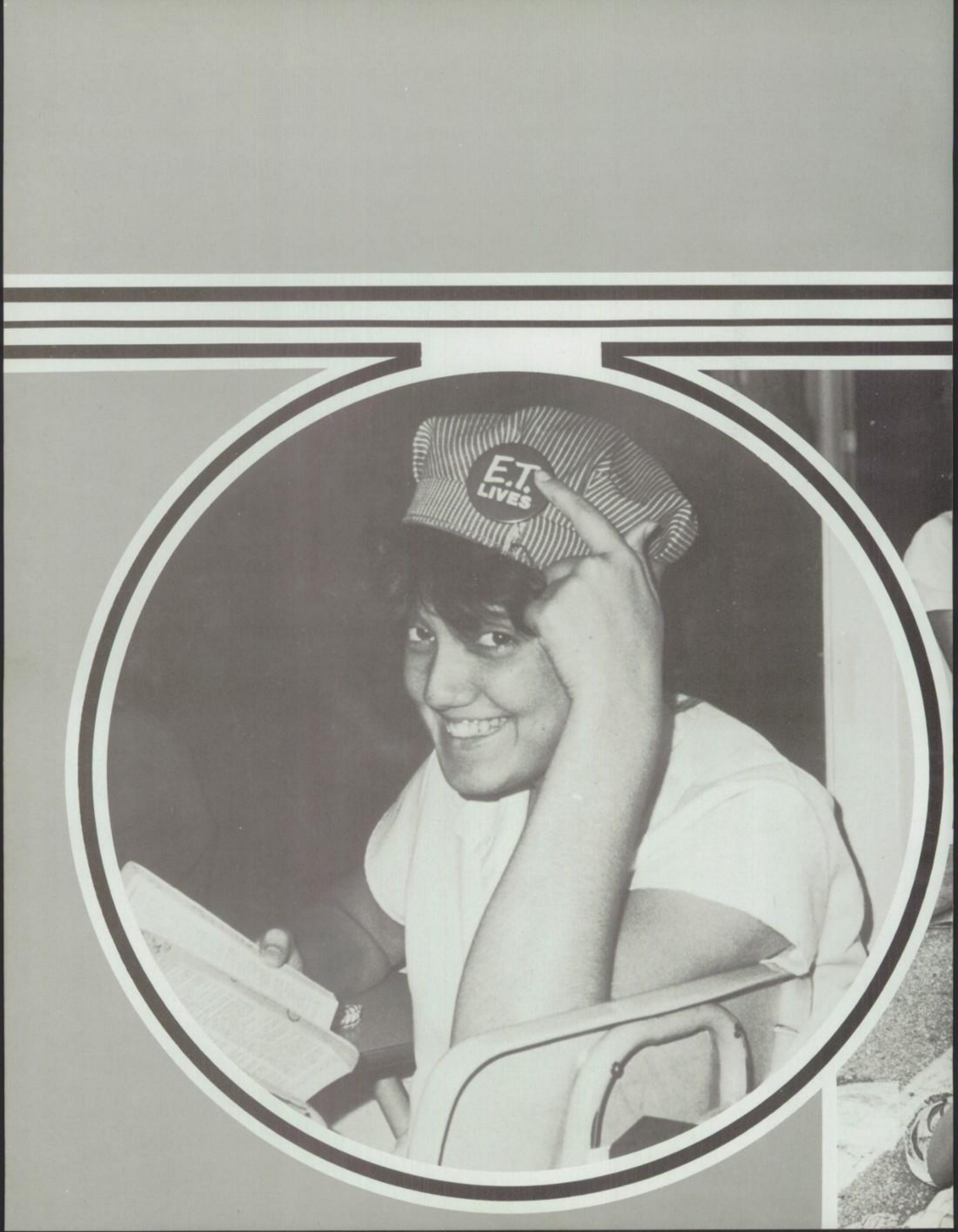
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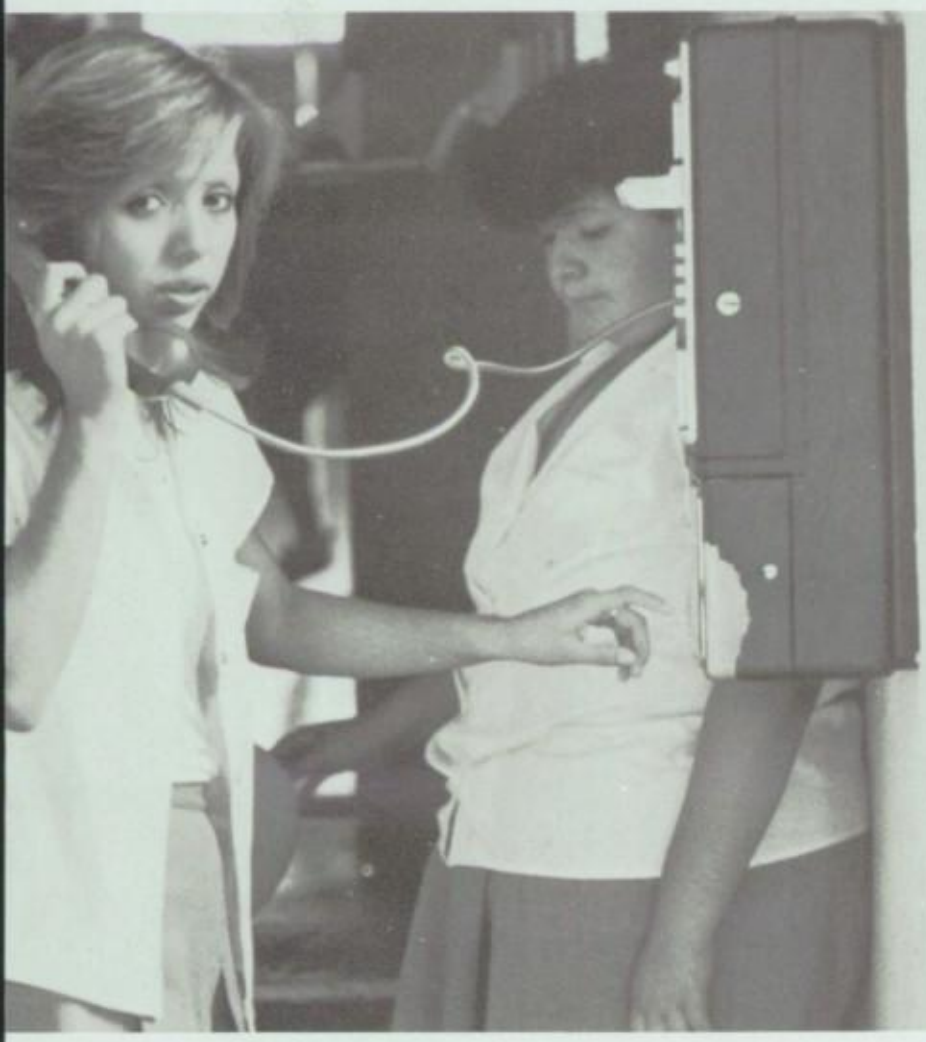

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Twenty Years Ago Today . . .

St. Matthias Girls' High School graduated its first Seniors with the class of "1964". This was also the year that the school had a complete student body of four classes. The first graduating class had fifty-three students. This was a year for many new experiences for the school including its first tragedy. Glenda Baltram died on July 10, 1963, but is still remembered because, in her memory, her parents donated the statue of our school's patron, Saint Matthias. Since the opening of St. Matthias Girls High School, we have added a left wing to the building, twenty-four students, one for every year the school has been open, five principals including our first lay principal, Mrs. Nancy Coonis, but only one secretary - Mrs. Dempsey, who said, "I doubt if I'll be here in twenty years but, hopefully, the school will still be going strong."

1. The old uniform skirts and lettergirl sweaters - don't they look cute?! 2. Sr. Mary St. Joan and past-principal Sr. Mary Louise discuss the morning announcements. 3. Oh, if only this building could talk! 4. We truly love our St. Matthias! 5. This plaque, which hangs outside the office, was donated by Msgr. Scheer, the school's founder. The original is in Trier, Germany. 6. No wonder the tree is crooked!

Nothing Like Spirit Week To Get The Year Going.

Spirit Week brings the school together in an atmosphere of healthy competition and fun. The week got off to a good start and reached a peak on Wednesday: Dress-Up Day. This event brought out all the weirdos of the school and the majority of the students participated. The Big-Little Sister Luncheon took place on Thursday of Spirit Week (as is tradition). The Junior class of "85" entered the ranks of upper class women as they became big sisters to the Freshman class of "87". The Seniors and their little sisters, the Sophomores, had a great time having lunch together.

'1. Gloria Ramirez says, "Indecency? What's that?!" 2. Juniors brought a toga atmosphere to their little sisters' party. "All we need is Julius Caesar". 3. "I surely can go for some of them apples down yonder", exclaims Norma. "Mwe twoo," says Monica. 4. Maria Ramos observes Clotilde Serrano groom her ears purr-fectly for the day. 5. Are Mrs. Kiser and Elena Viera about to feast on delicious watermelons? Actually, they're for the students' eating contest. 6. Las Chicas Menudo show their appreciation for their idols. 7. Room 104 was one of the rooms the Seniors invaded to give their little sisters a good lunch. 8. The "Most Spirited" cake, baked by Jackie Morejon, was won by Dolores Fonseca. "It's mine, it's all mine."

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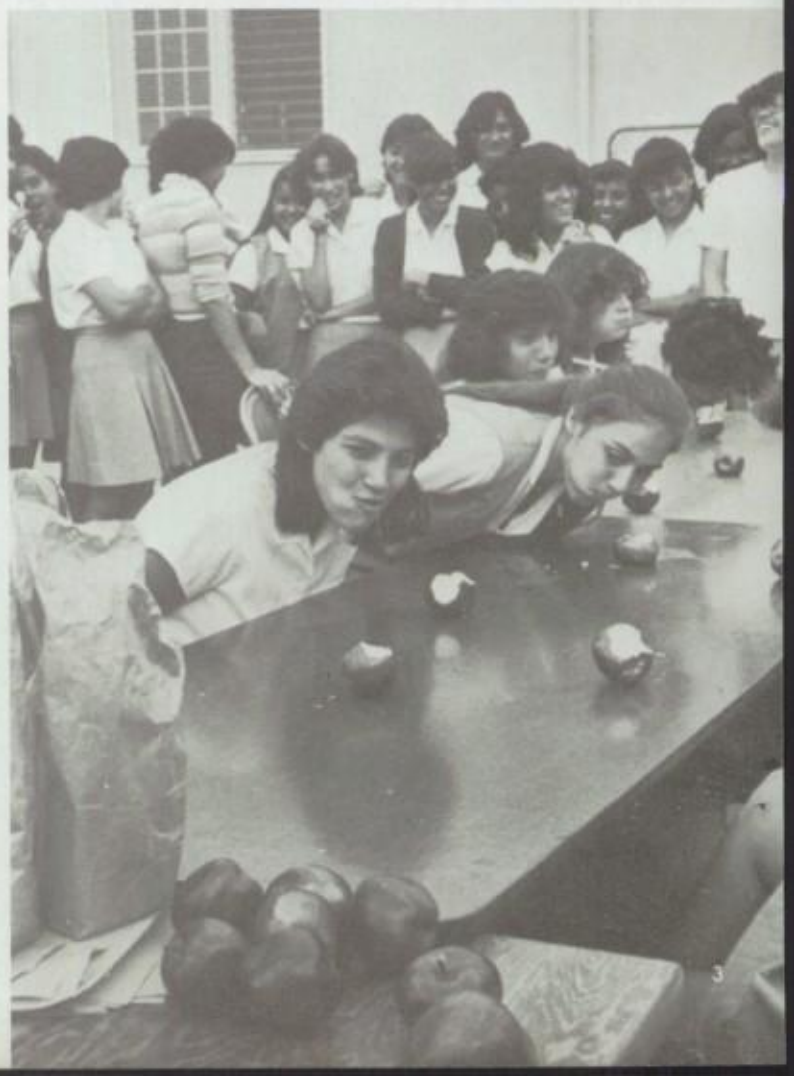
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Spirit Day Spent In A New Surrounding - The School

Perhaps the biggest change of the traditional Spirit Week was "Spirit Day at the Park" which turned out to be at school due to rainy weather. Though the setting changed, the winners of the Spirit Stick did not. The Class of 1985 won the Spirit Stick for the third consecutive year. Even though Spirit Week seems to bring out the spirit of competition between various classes, everyone wins as a result of the unity and sisterly love that exists and that the school is noted for.

1. Many faces, many expressions but one message - class spirit!. 2. Lily, Grisel, Rita, and Lourdes lead their class in an uplifting cheer. 3. Sweet Juniors, they are these. 4. Gabby and Viola proudly display their favorite rockers on their arms. painted by Bertha Rangel. Tatoos were created by the Drama Club. 5. The few, the loud, the cheerleaders. 6. Goofy, portrayed by Diana Bueno, felt right at home with his Junior friends as he made their day more cheerful. 7. Lovable Garfield, played by Martha Garibalde, takes time out before his nap to answer Elena Viera's questions about his personal life. 8. Kristi Martin moves her stuff to the up-beat sounds of Michael Jackson as her friends observe.

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Sleep? What Sleep?

Who says people actually sleep during a slumber party? No one could go to sleep the night of the slumber party, sponsored by the Student Council, with all the things that were going on. Such things as story telling and movie watching were going on. The students also participated in games such as charades, baby bottle feeding contest and bobbing for apples. But the two things that went on all through the slumber party were: one, shaving cream fights and two, excessive eating. What seemed like tons of pizza and gallons of soda were gobbled up by the students.

How many people actually slept? It is rumored that only about 10 students out of 62 that attended actually slept. The truth will only be known in the "Slumber Zone".

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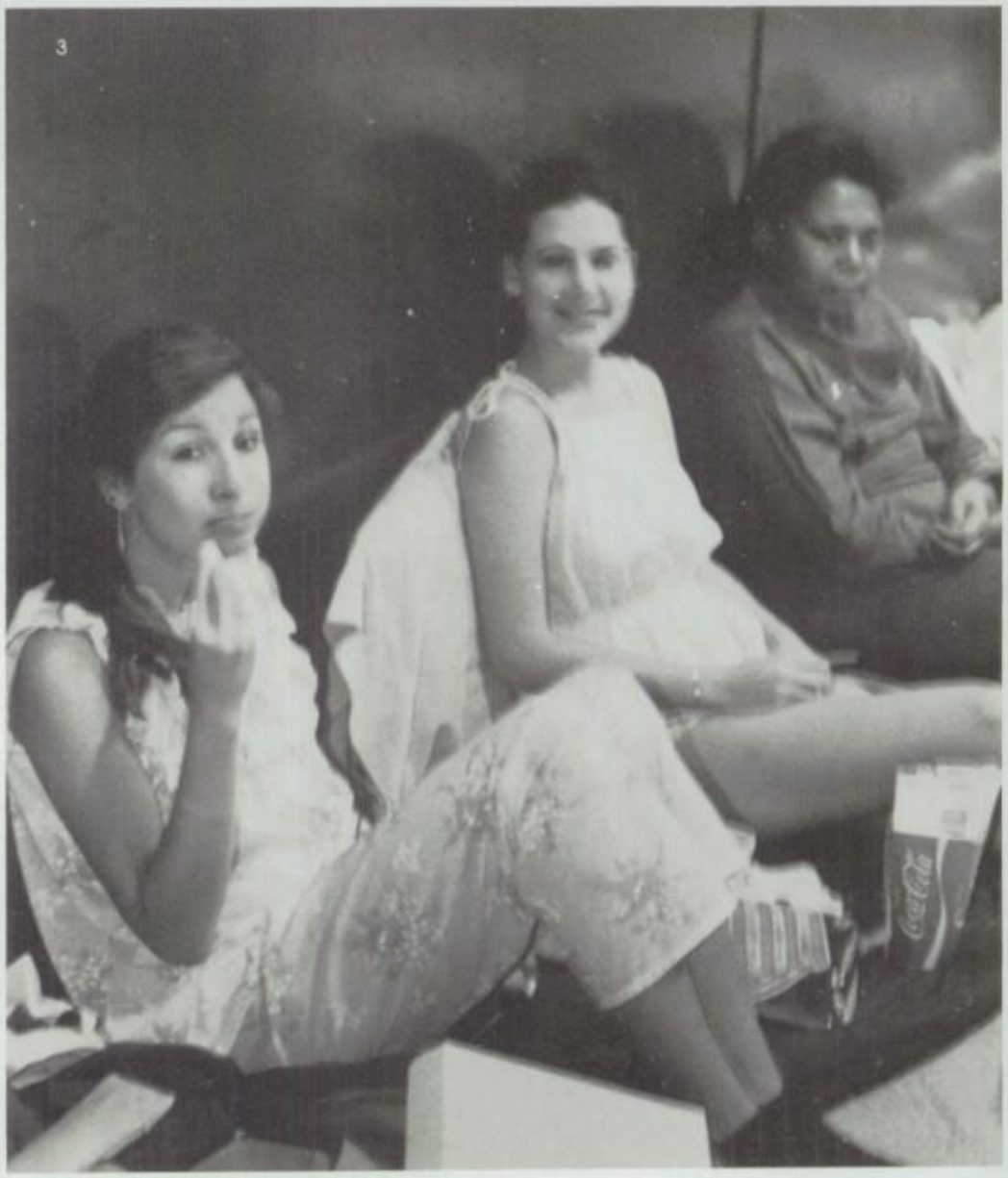
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1. Ahh come on, it's just a picture. 2. Pat Duarte and Carolina Roncheta steadily watch *Young Frankenstein*. 3. "Anybody for the munchies?!"

Halloween Dress-Up Day

A typical scene this year at the annual Halloween Dress-Up Day was seeing students dressed as their favorite ghoul or goblin. Some other students took the opportunity just to dress up. They dressed up in styles ranging from cowboys to hobos. After all is said and done, Halloween 1983 will probably best be remembered as the "Dawn of the Weird".

1. "Here comes Nancy Cottontail, hopping down the Bunny Trail . . ." 2. On Dress-Up Day, rejects from the funny farm showed up. 3. The Wicked Witch of the West showed up for school.

1. A circus isn't complete without helium balloons. 2. In the hopes of winning, Anna Rodriguez buys most of her own raffle tickets. 3. Freshman homeroom, 101, turns in a large enough amount of money to make Mrs. Gill and Jovita Martinez smile. 4. "Here's Cal Worthington and her dog, Spot!" 5. This is what you get when you cross Ronald McDonald and Elton John.

Fundraisers

Part of what keeps the school and its organizations going are fundraisers, such as the sale of chocolate bars, ad space for our yearbook, and various dances and bake sales throughout the scholastic year. Without these fundraisers many things in school would be much more expensive.

The Laureate Drive this year took us to the circus. Again each class was represented by a character, "Lion" (seniors) "Juggler" (juniors) "Clown" (sophomores), and "Monkey" (freshman). The "Lion" showed its domination over the St. Matthias circus, since the Seniors came in first in the drive.

Without these fundraisers, life in this school would be a Jungle!

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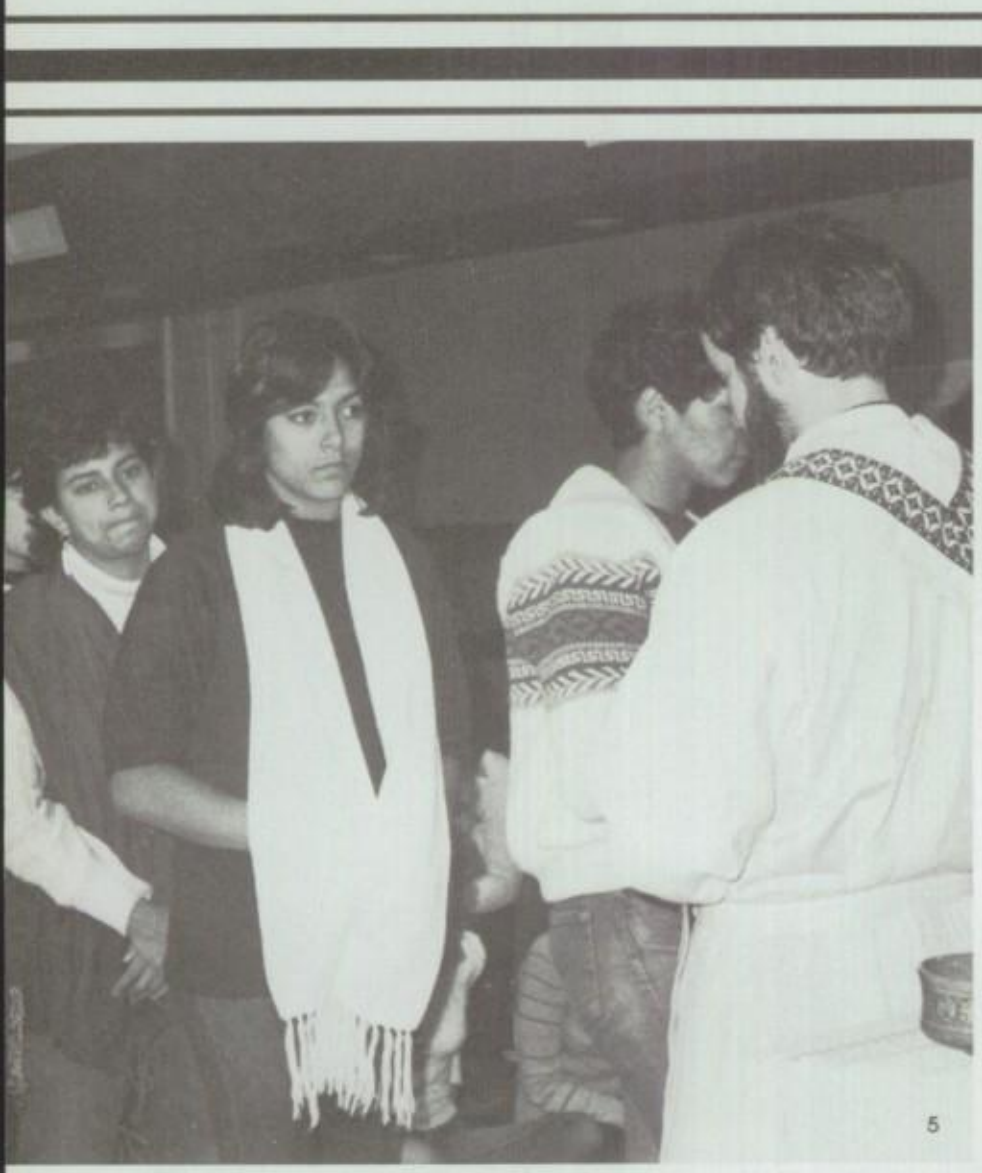
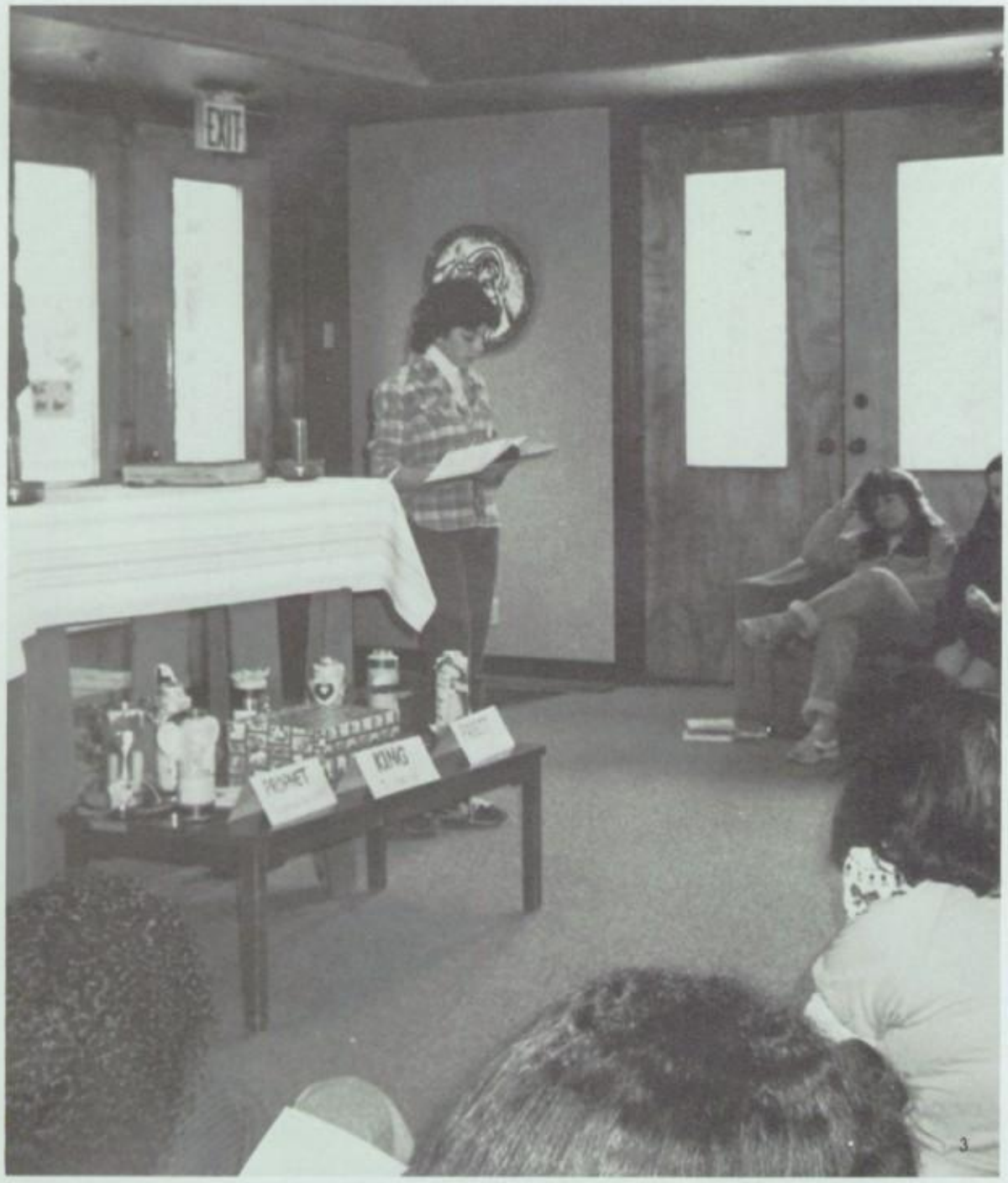


1. Silvia Socarras, Ramona Torres, and Maria Chavez use their creative talents to make a special gift for their Kris Kins as a symbol of their affection. 2. Experiencing the vast beauty of the mountains holds an important part of the retreat. 3. Maria Santiago takes part in the liturgy, standing next to the candles which represent the unity of the body. 4. While on the retreat, the body was fed as well as the soul. 5. Cecilia Colon meditates before receiving communion from Father Paul. 6. Sharon, Margaret and Jeannine nap to refresh themselves before starting out the day's activities. 7. Kathy Vela, Rosa Garcia and Lizeth Delgado add the finishing touches to their Kris Kin presents.



Togetherness

The Senior Retreat was an experience which had various meanings for all those who participated. For some it was a strengthening of their relationship with God. For others it was a representation of this relationship. Moreover encounters did not stop here: for many girls it was a renewal of old friendships, as well as the meetings of new friends. However, this renewal and strengthening of relationships was not all that went on during these three days. During free time, the girls had the chance to enjoy the beautiful scenery which was one of the many pleasant surprises that were offered to them. In addition to group activities, the Seniors had a chance for solitude. It was the final activity which was for the majority the most memorable. Everyone was given the opportunities to trade Kris Kin presents and express their feelings on the retreat. Many beautiful things were said, but it was what Margaret Keel said that touched everyone, "Make new friends but keep the old, for one is silver and the other's Gold!"

Tis The Season . . .

On the night of December 14, 1983, people coming to the annual Christmas Concert were in for a surprise. The director of the groups performing that night was no longer Mrs. Nancy Coonis, but Miss. Fran Johnston. The change wasn't radical, but it didn't go unnoticed either. Though the usual attack of nerves occurred before the concert, the girls went on the stage and gave their best. The performance went well, and once again, the Christmas Concert was a success.

1. Canticum Novum carefully watches Ms. Johnston's hand signals to lead them through singing notes. 2. Handbells get ready to perform one of the many beautiful songs they've learned.

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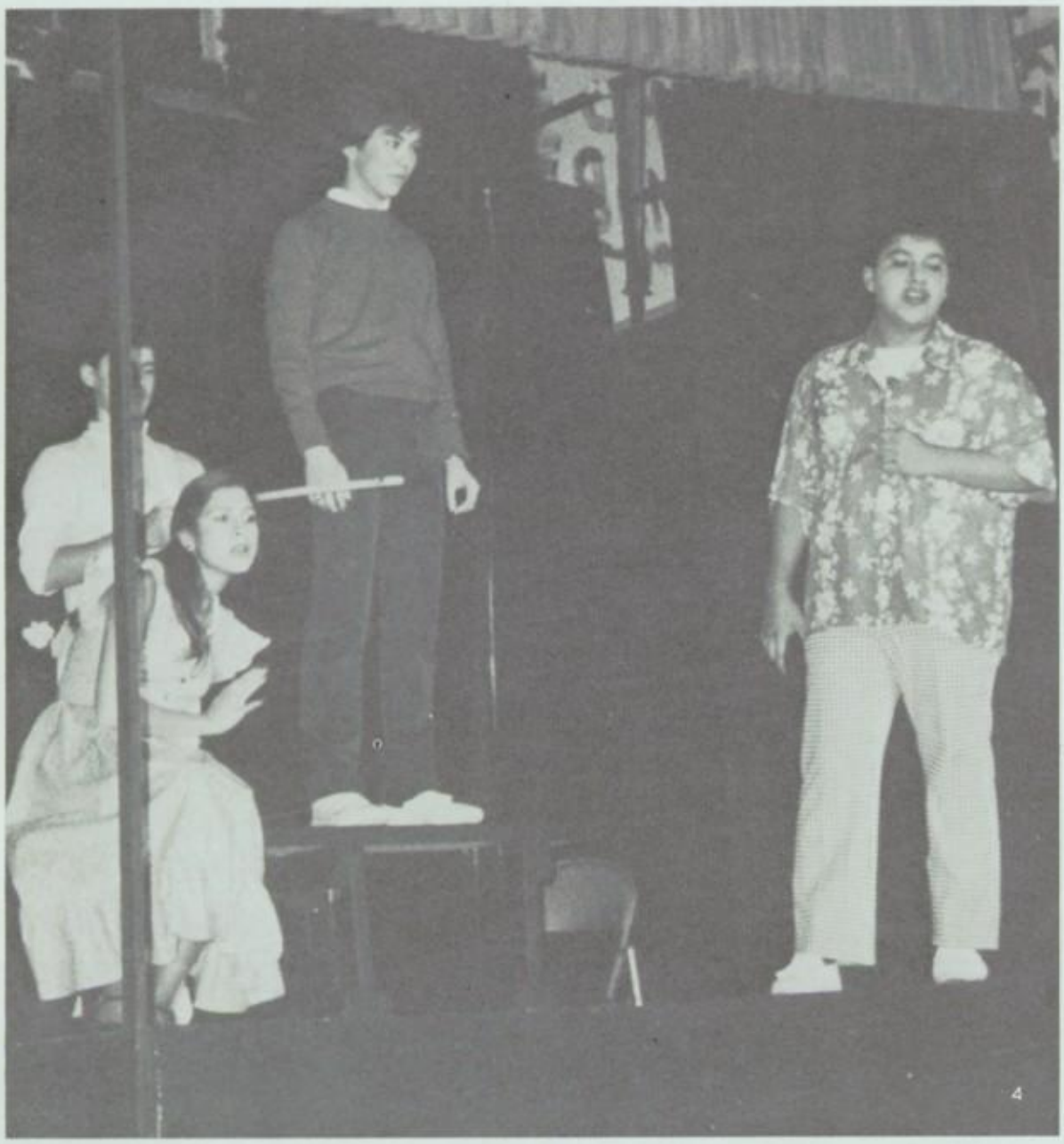
A Christmas Odyssey

The 1983 Christmas Program was based on a futuristic Christmas that showed us a mechanical Santa Claus that could instantly produce gifts at the push of a button. The futuristic Christmas lacked true significance. The authentic Christmas story was recited by one of the characters in the skit and the Nativity scene was re-enacted by Maria Ledesma "Mary", Rosa Arriaga "Joseph", and Mr. Trent Marshall Jr. (son of Mrs. Mills) as the baby Jesus. This brought back the true significance of Christmas: the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

1. Santa drops in to pass out candy canes to all the good little girls, with the help of his elf Elena Viera. 2. The Student Council acts out the nativity scene for the student body.

"Fantasticks"!

For the first time in the history of both the schools, St. Matthias and Salesian High Schools came together to render their performance of a play. The play that was chosen was "The Fantasticks". The cast was composed of veterans as well as novices to the stage. Kathy Vela, Kathy Porter, Eddie Rodriguez, and Angel Romero have all had previous experience and truly gave their all as actors and actresses to enhance the play. Madonna Hall, Martin Gomez, Francisco Sanchez and Jaime Zarate, although not having had any former stage experience, performed like veterans. With the co-operative directional skills of our Ms. Storc and Mr. Barry from Salesian "The Fantasticks" turned out to be just that: Fantastic!



1. "Soon it's gonna rain" one of the songs sung by Louisa and Matt. 2. Madona and Jaime discuss plans to kidnap Louisa with the help of El Gallo. 3. The play is taken very seriously; here we see what happened to M. Gomez when he missed his cue. 4. Louisa listens as Matt and his father talk about her. 5. The directors look over one of the final rehearsals. 6. Madona and Jaime's characters find out that it's easier to "plant radishes" than raise children.

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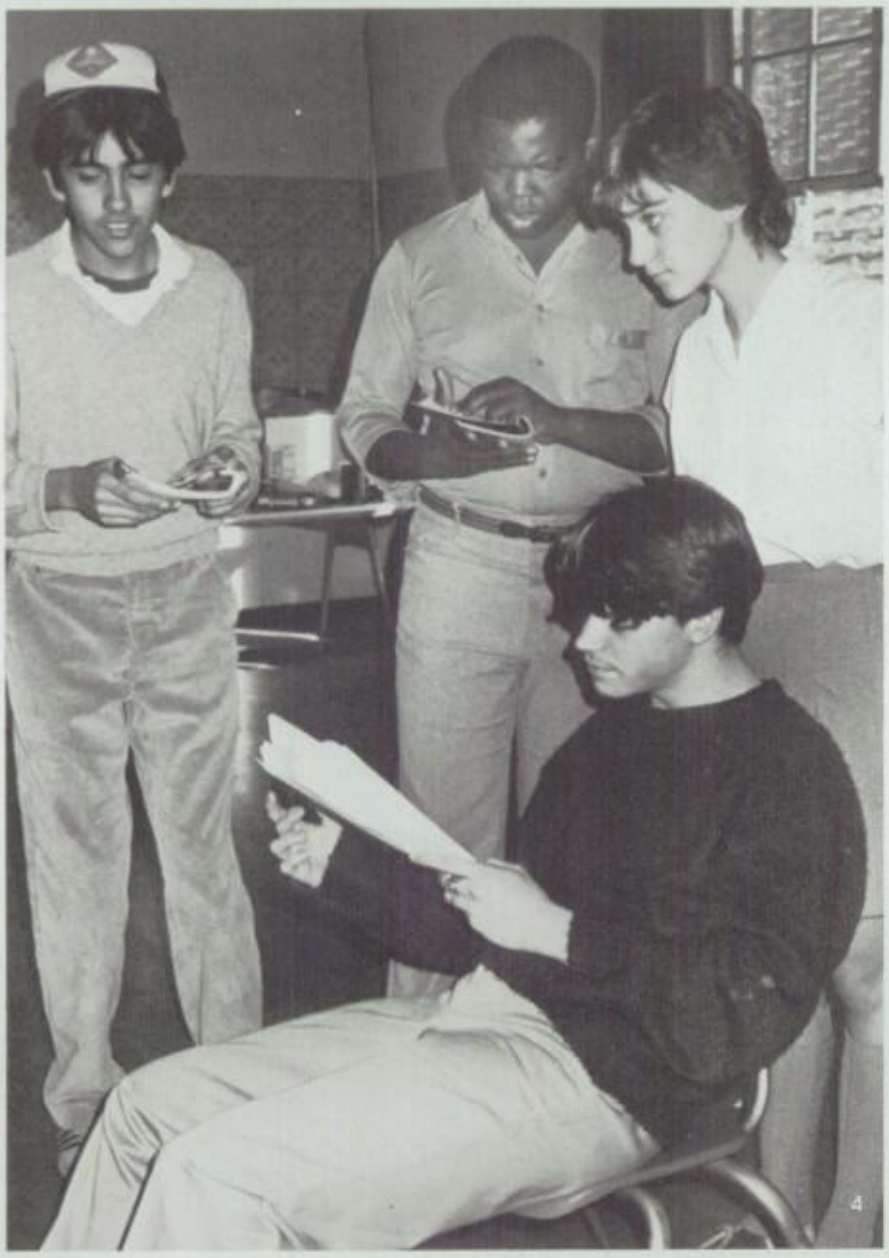

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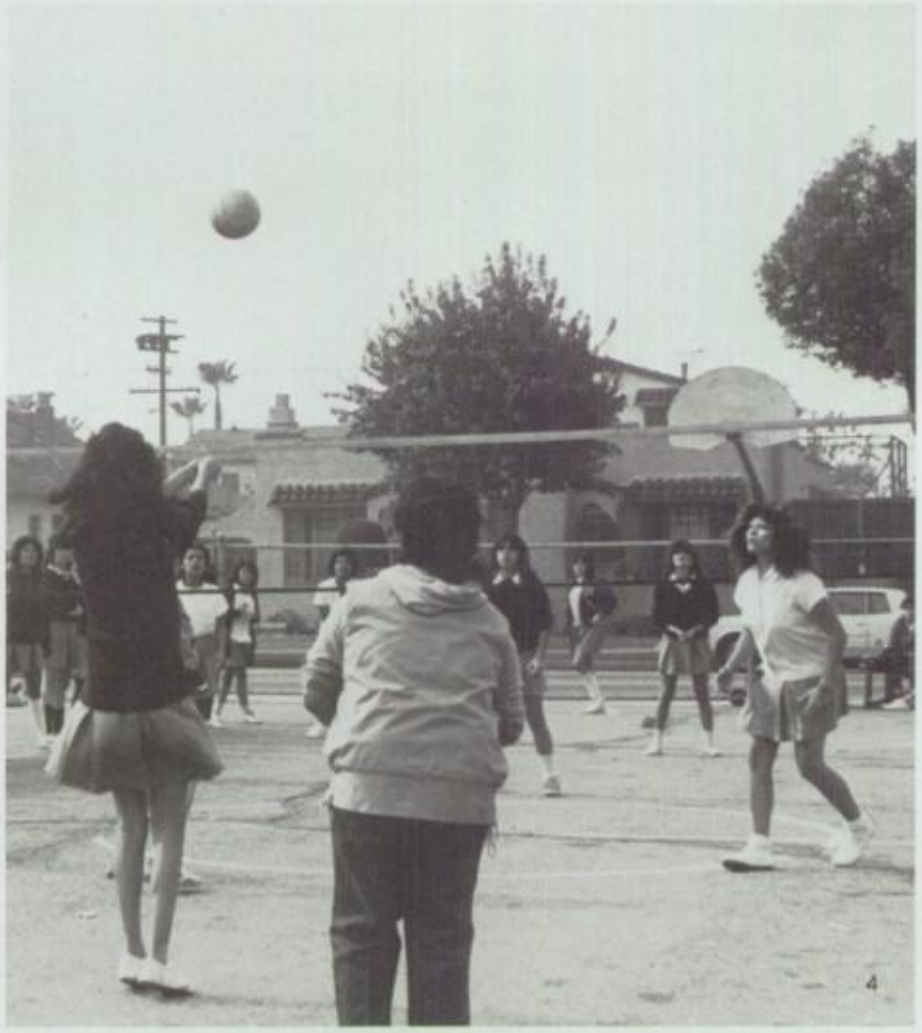
Play practices for the spring play are helping young actors prepare for the school production of *Bye-Bye Birdie*. This year, the promising actresses from this school got the chance to work with actors imported from Salesian High School. This is the second time that St. Matthias and Salesian have collaborated to put on a theatrical production. The first time that talents were combined was for the show, "The Fantastics". The response was positive, and so, the relationship was exercised again. Mrs. Storc, director, plays a very important role in making sure that the final product is a good one. Kathy Vela, the female lead, says about the practices, "If you enjoy acting and doing plays, you don't mind the long hours."

1. In "Lots of Living", Olga De La Torre finds the love of her life. 2. The choreography of "Lots of Living" in its raw phase. 3. Experienced women of the stage, Kathy Vela and Gladys Naranjo, go over stage directions. 4. Mrs. MacAfee (Rosie Brunasso): "Hugo, what have you been drinking?" 5. The sign of a good actor is getting "off book" as soon as possible. 6. Conrad Birdie (Martin Gomez) pays the price for fame in the crowding of adoring fans. 7. Mrs. Peterson (Rosa Garcia) complains about her money-spending son, Albert (Eddie Rodriguez).

Volleyball Intramurals

The traditional volleyball intramurals created excitement, class spirit, and entertainment for all. The first game was between the Freshmen and the Sophomore class. Though inexperienced, both teams poured all their effort and enthusiasm into this crucial game. The Seniors tackled the Juniors on the second day, hoping to be in the "Semi-Finals". Finally the day arrived when the Seniors confronted the Sophomores in the Semi-Final game. The tension mounted, the crowds were there, each cheering for their favorite class. They battled it out all during lunch, and when the last bell rang the Sophomores emerged victorious.



1. Several of the Juniors try their luck at hitting the ball with speed and accuracy. 2. Juniors show their class spirit by participating in a challenging game of volleyball. 3. Allison Zevallos eagerly hits the ball during the annual volleyball intramurals. 4. A good volleyball player always keeps her eye on the ball. 5. The best part of a game is the crowds who come to cheer their team to victory. 6. Hitting the ball in just the right positions is the trick to getting it over the net.

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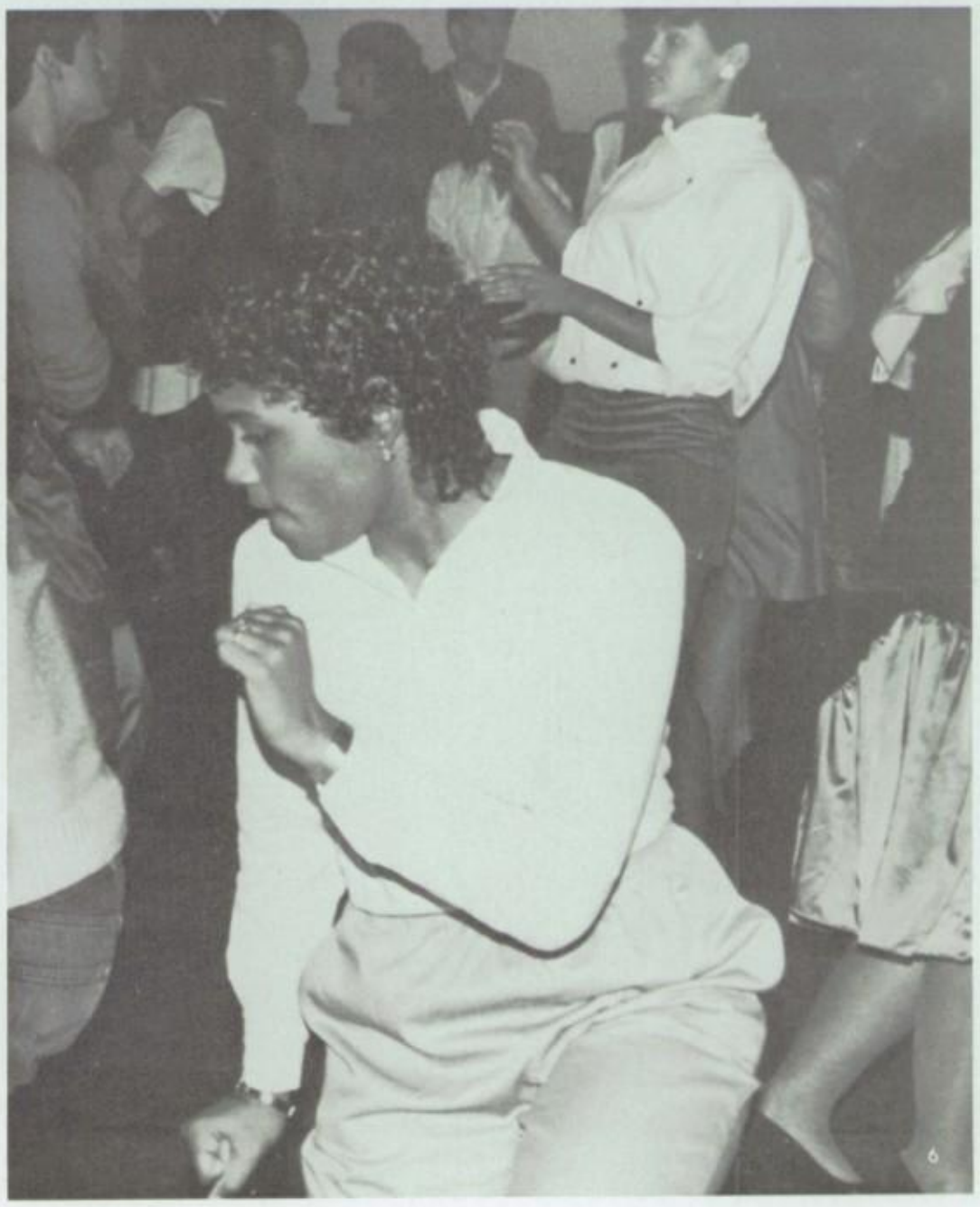
The Beat Goes On

On a given Saturday night, you can hear electrifying music coming out of the auditorium. That's right folks, it's another dance! Things have changed a little, namely students from public schools have to have a guest pass, but the action is still hot! There are all sorts of things happening at the dances, and whether it be dancing to one of the latest hits, or checking out the latest "fads", you're guaranteed a fun evening. People coming to the dances bring new dance steps, fashion, make-up and hair styles. It's an exciting evening, which goes to show . . . the beat goes on.

1. Party animals are always to be found at our dances. 2. Sophomores cooperate by attending the dance. 3. Those "Freakazoids" meet at our school auditorium, ready to dance. 4. Martina dances the night away. 5. Laura Diego finds the dance very enjoyable. 6. Kristie Martin has been called the female Michael Jackson. We can see why!



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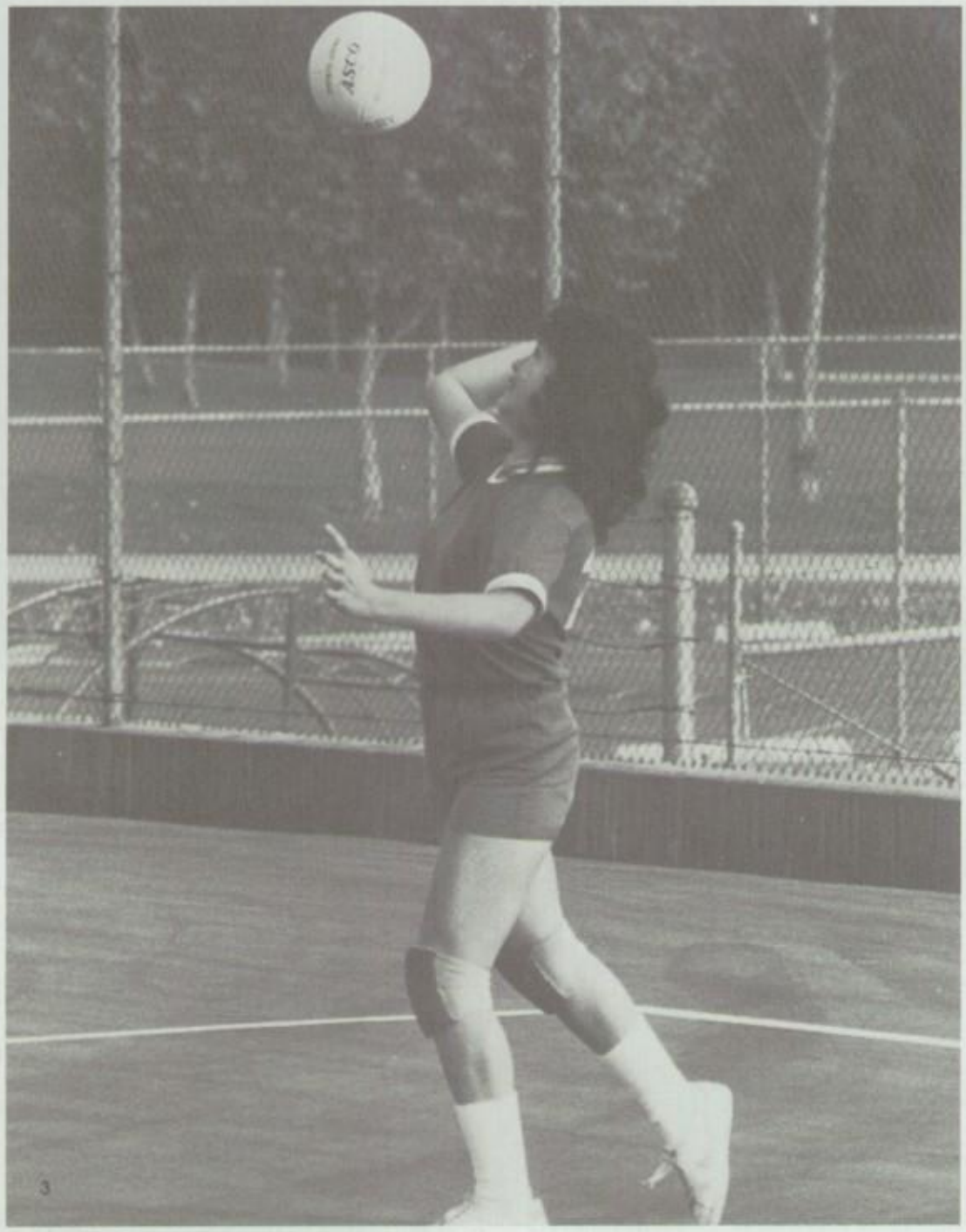

1. Unity is an important value for the team. 2. "Look! it's magic," says Carmen Zavala. 3. "Watch me sock this baby!" exclaims Rosalva Escobedo confidently. 4. "Who moved the net?! 5. The ball overcomes Monica Navarro spike by being stubborn. 6. "When it's time to relax we've got the water", Carmen Z., Susan Y., and Virginia T. happily sing. 7. The wacky but skillful team consists of S. De Leon, [illegible]. Villareal, R. Escobedo, J. Olguin, C. Zavala, V. De La Torre, S. Ybarra. N. Nava, M. Navarro, E. Rodriguez, L. Delgado, and A. Ortega (not in picture). 8. Could Anna O. be surrendering to the other team? Actually she's just hit the ball over the net. 9. Rosalva E. dashes toward the ball to score another point for the team.

Spike It!

Spike, hit, serve, and call your own balls are some of the common words used in volleyball. The sport of alertness and skill was successfully displayed by the Victorian team. They had their share of victories, four games out of ten. Mr. Hansen and Mr. Gonzalez took turns this season stepping in as coach. Home games were at Salt Lake Park's Recreation Center where part of the action took place. "It was a pretty good season overall," says Norma Nava.

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Slam-Dunk!

Basketball is a competitive sport that involves agility, concentration and loyalty. Agility is a basic necessity for almost every sport, but basketball requires players that are fast and tall at the same time. This combination is hard to find, but with players like Monica Navarro, the team this year seemed to have everything under control. Concentration is also very important when playing the sport of Basketball. The players must concentrate on the different plays involved in one game. For this reason, basketball players sometimes "psyche" themselves out in order to focus their attention on only one thing; Basketball. Communication between players is also very important in the sport. Without communication, a team does not function because the players do not know what the others are planning. Finally, loyalty to the sport and your teammates is crucial. This aspect is very important to the success of any particular basketball team because if a player does not feel any loyalty toward her team, she will not put forth any effort to make the team a success. Many things are involved in having a good basketball team, most of which come from the strong characters of the players.

1. Martie Rodriguez takes a "breather" during a basketball halftime. 2. Determined coaching, given here by Coach Frank, is essential to a winning team. 3. Basketball Team: L-R (Back row) M. Alcala, M. Moran, M. Navarro, M. Rodriguez, L. Harris, S. McKinney, C. Zavala, N. Nava, S. De Leon. 4. Monica Navarro and opponent, "reaching for the stars". 5. During a quick break, Coach Frank and team members discuss strategy for the next few plays. 6. Difficult plays are often tackled with sportsmanship by the basketball players.

Jesus And Me

Days of Recollection are very important to the school, not just because we get a day off of school, but because this day is meant to bring the class together or, more importantly, to help each individual with problems they might be having.

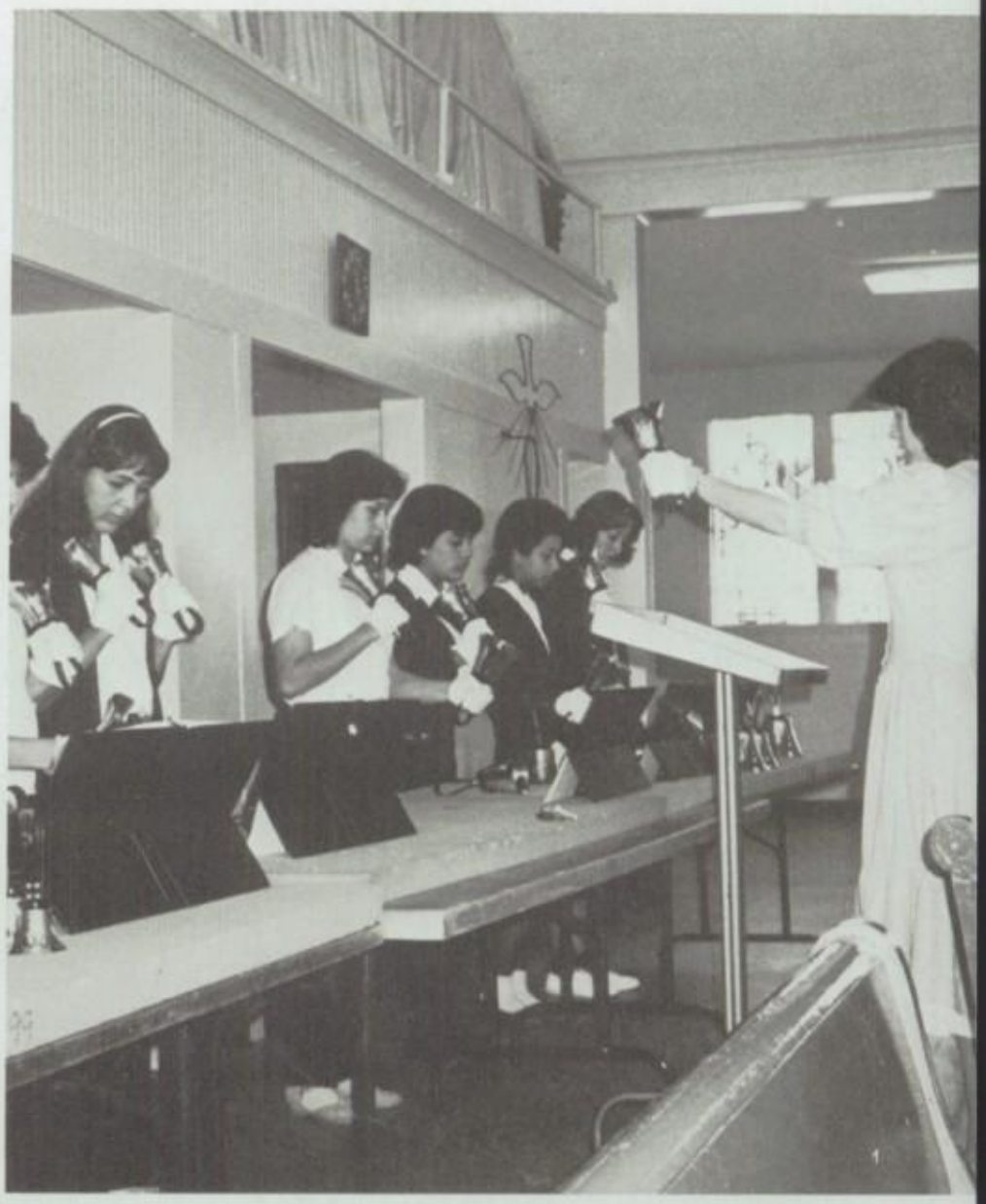
For the first time, all the classes did not have their retreat at the same time. It was also the first time the Junior Class was able to go off for a weekend retreat and the Freshmen did not stay in school.

Days of Recollection are very much a part of our school life. They help us unite and grow closer to one another.

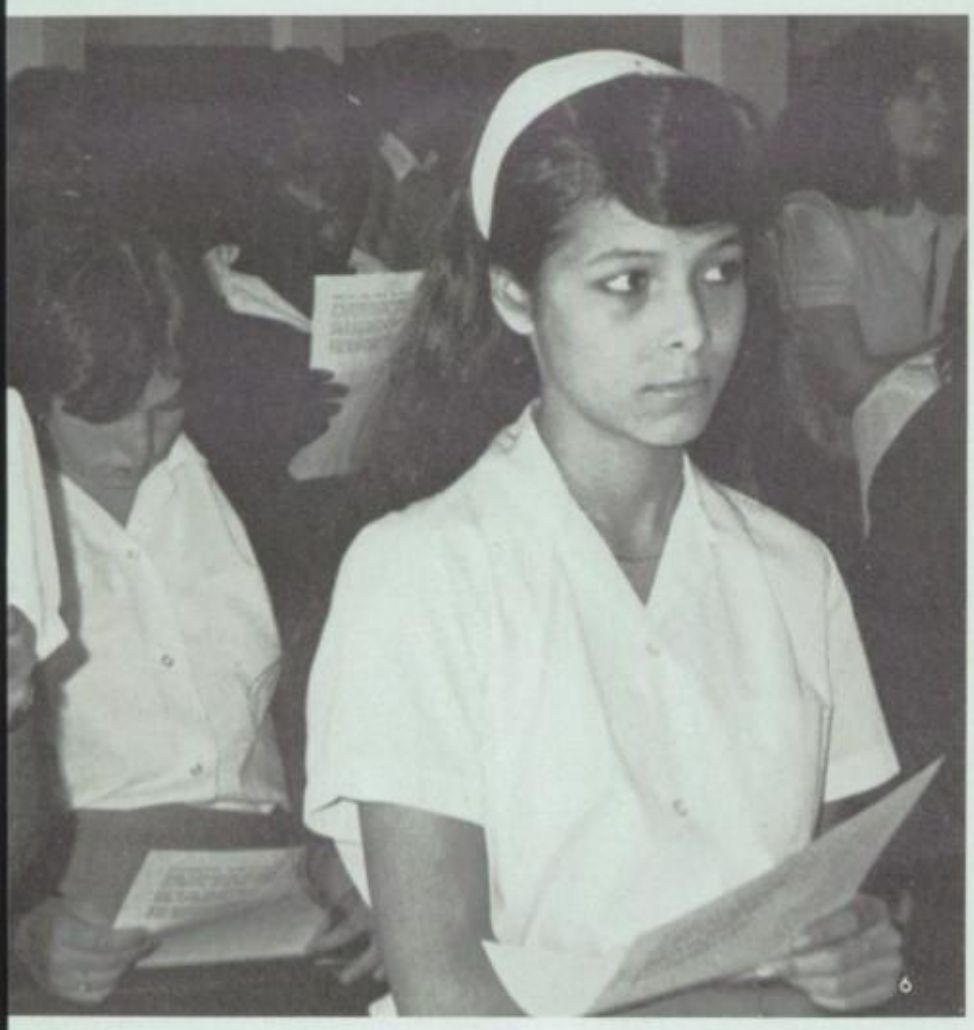
1. "Are you sure this is the way it goes?" asks Diana Parades. 2. Sophomores reminisce about what happened on the retreat while riding home. 3. Evelyn smiles as she proudly shows what will soon be her offering at the Mass. 4. Making your own offerings takes a lot of time and concentration, as shown by these Sophomores. 5. Connie De Anda and Mercy Planas find something to smile about. 6. Amber Valladolid: "What do you think of my drawing of an invisible castle?" 7. Spending time alone with your feelings was a major part of the Sophomore Retreat.

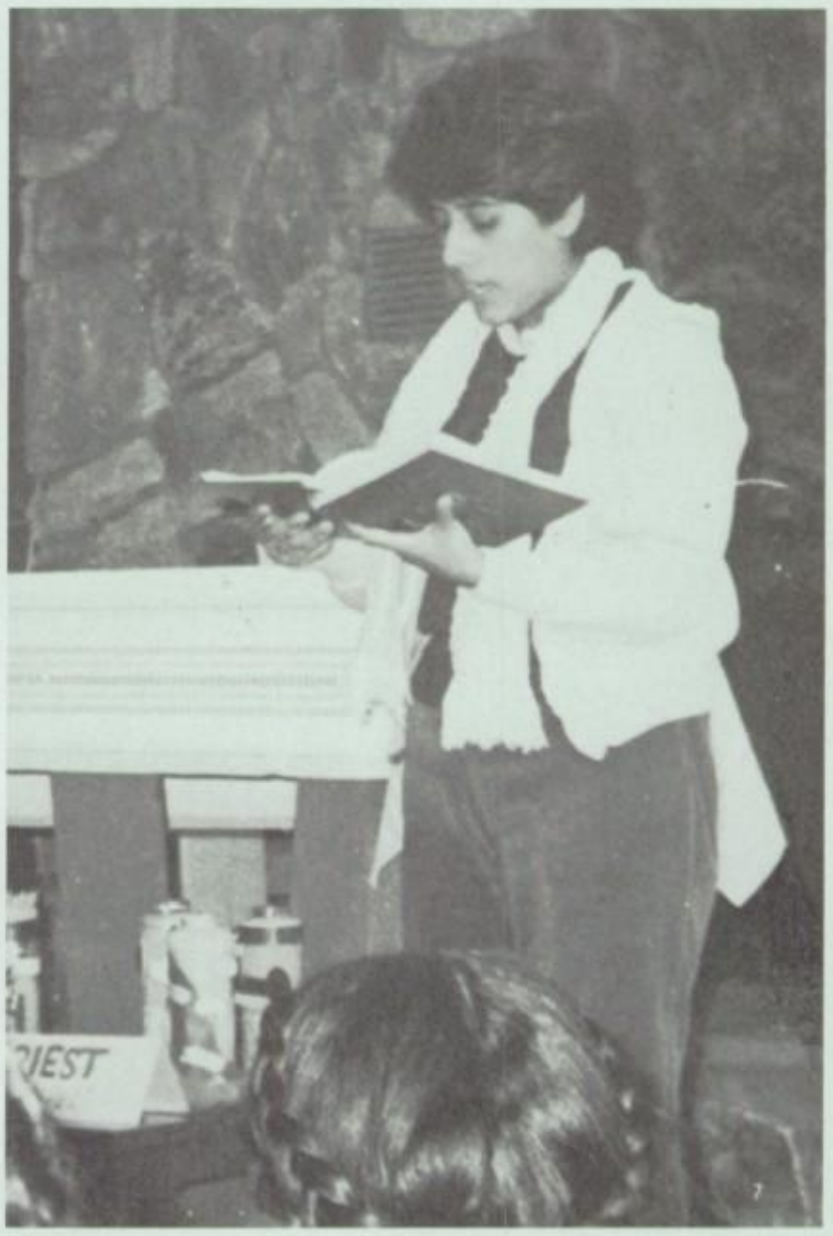
Liturgies

Jesus Christ said, "Whenever two or three are gathered in my name, there I am amidst them." When people unite in Jesus name, the celebration of the last Supper is transformed into the holiest celebration, known as Mass. This celebration has a deep significance to everyone and especially to the student body of St. Matthias. For Campus Ministry, Mass meant the preparation of themes and readings and performing a variety of songs. Their music enriched and added a unique ingredient that made the Mass a lively experience. The union through peace and love was the essence of the Mass that meant so much to the student body and that made them a stronger force throughout the year. This everlasting Catholic ceremony supplied them with a few moments' peace and a few words of wisdom, that would pave the road to a better understanding of the Catholic tradition.



1. At a recent Mass, the student body was treated to the delightful sounds of the handbell choir. 2. Carmen Espindola participates in the cherished tradition of holding hands while reciting the Our Father. 3. Reading the Scripture during Mass requires courage and confidence, and Rosa Garcia exhibits both qualities gallantly. 4. Many special moments occur during a Mass, and Gladys Naranjo and Sister Mary Lynn are part of just one. 5. If it weren't for the singing, the girls at Mass would find the ceremony long and lifeless. 6. Virginia Moreno needs a moment of personal prayer to make her Mass experience whole. 7. Pilar Aguero derives personal tranquility from leading the Seniors in the liturgy.

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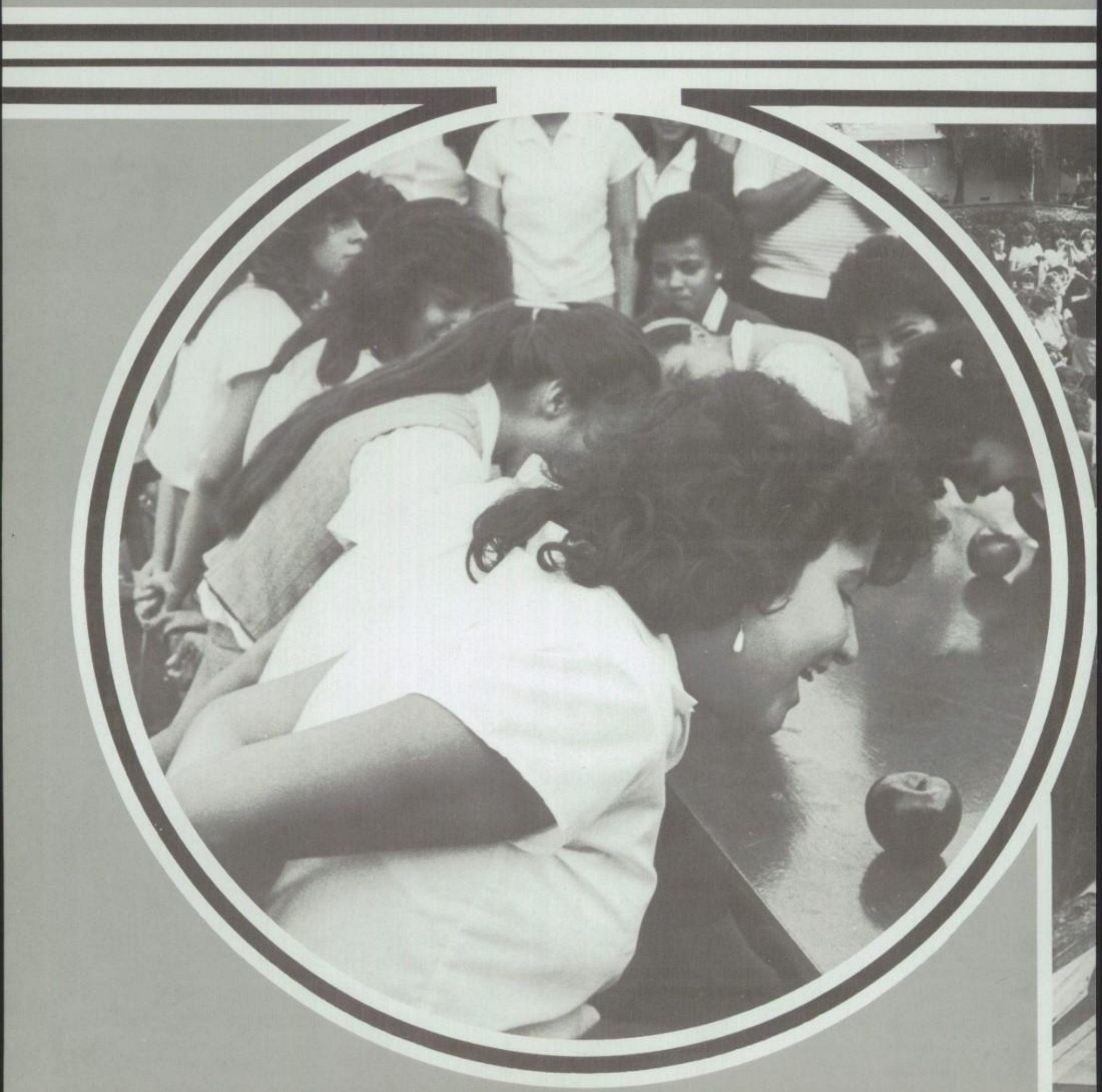

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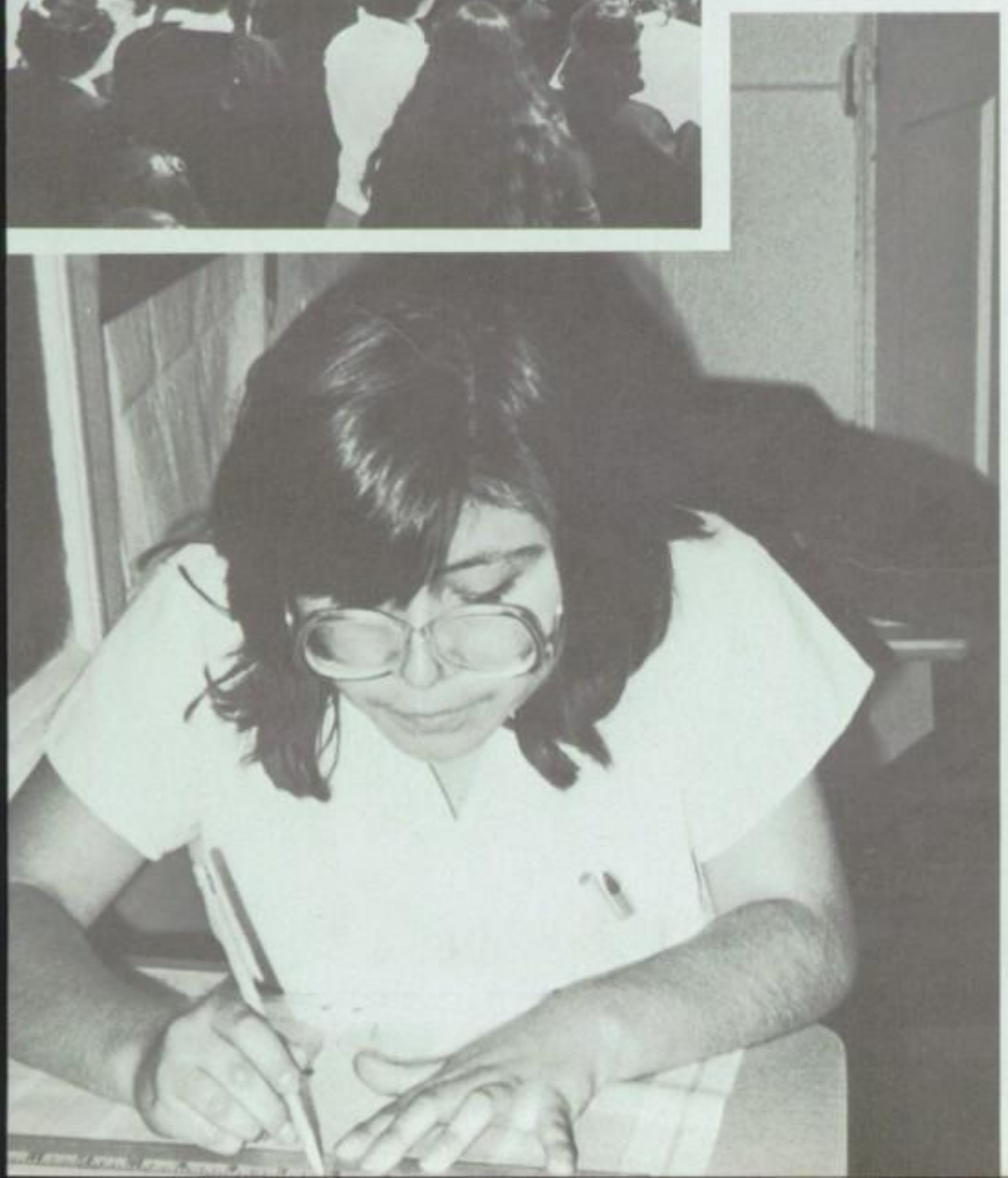


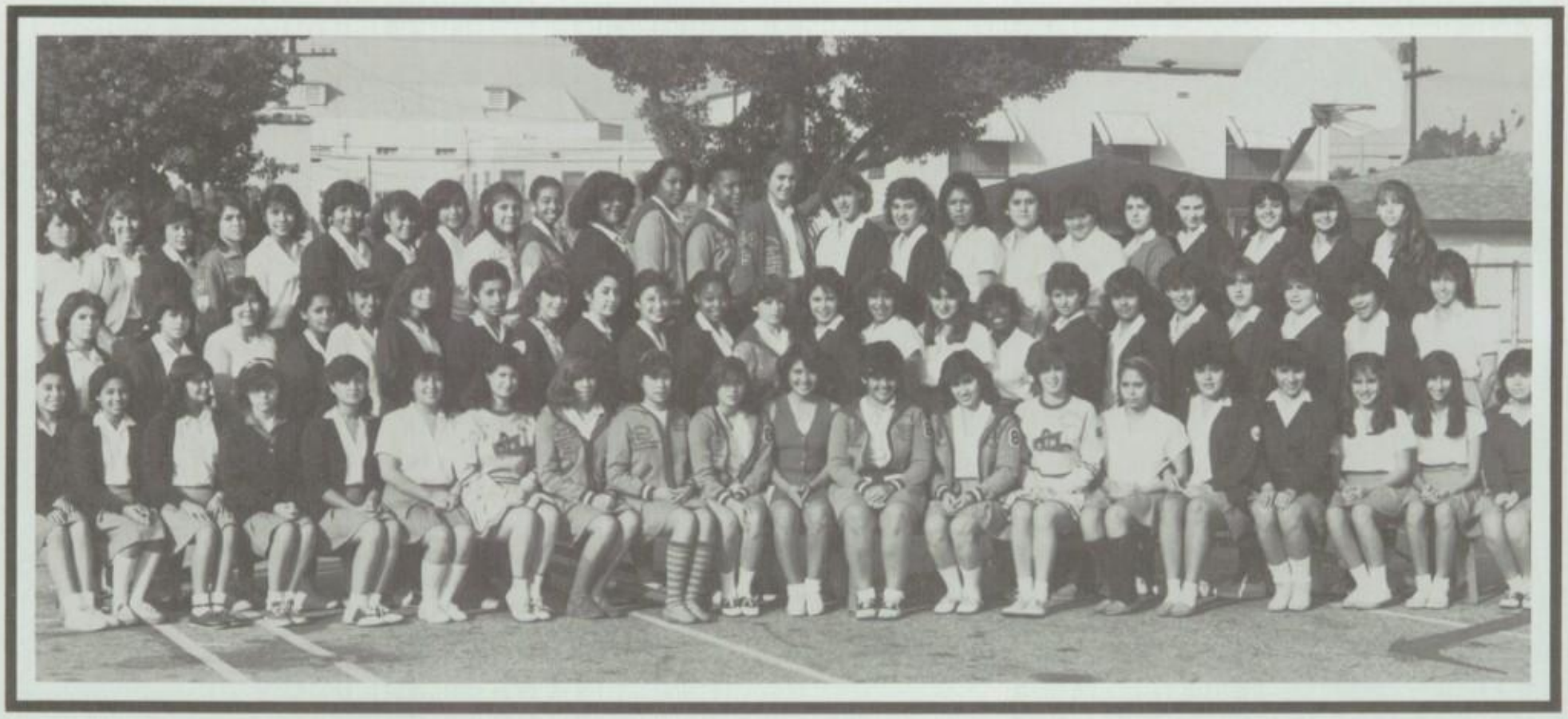
Throughout the years, Student Council has been an essential element of St. Matthias High School because it has played an important role in keeping the school alive and united. Both past and present members have enjoyed dedicating their time and skill in preparing many social functions. This year's activities included: a baseball trip to Dodger Stadium, Spirit Week, a slumber party, a food eating contest and a celebration commemorating the school's fiftieth anniversary. The members have put all their energy into making this event a unique experience. As Maria Ledesma, president of the Student Council, declared, "Every Student Council member cooperates and they are very enthusiastic about planning upcoming activities." So, as one can see, the Student Council aims to integrate their classmates in a diversity of enjoyable functions. Giving each girl the opportunity to participate and to get to know one another.

Striving To Entertain

Student Council: Top row - Marisol Gomez, Georgina De La Torre, Debbie Noriega, Claudia Atilano, Rosemary Flores, Gloria Vasquez, Rosa Arriaga, Maria Ledesma, Cathy Vela, Rosa Garcia, Martha Noriega, Bertha Rangel, Cynthia Vartanian, Yolanda Villasenor, Ngoc Nguyen, Maggie Almora, Lupe Austin, Rosalva Escobedo, Claudia Fernandez, Pilar Aguero, Olga De La Torre, Kim Stevenson, Angie Villareal, Paty Luna, Ernestina Felix, Elena Viera, Irma Acevedo, Elvia Munoz, Christina Cabrera, Maria Fimbres.

1. Maria Ledesma introduces the competitors at the food contest, which was sponsored by Student Council. 2. Several of the students, along with Sister Mary Carlann, participated in the spirit week pep rally. 3. Yolanda Villasenor's radiant smile demonstrates the pleasure and satisfaction, she experiences as a member of Student Council. 4. Lupe Austin and Maria Ledesma enjoy the movie presented at the annual slumber party. 5. Staying after school to prepare upcoming activities may get wearisome at times for some of the Student Council members.

A Club For All Seasons



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For those girls interested in the field of sports, there is the G.A.A.: The Girls Athletic Association. This group consists of 100 to 150 girls who not only participate in sports, but also those girls who like to be part of the fun by participating and/or supporting the group. G.A.A.'s officers include: Anna Ortega - Pres., Lizeth Delgado - Sec./Treas., Suzy Martinez - Publicity Manager, and Virginia Gallo - Activity Coordinator. Once a month, for thirty minutes, they lead other members in planning activities for the future. Their activities included dances, outings with other schools, and a possible bike-a-thon. G.A.A. is an active group, supported by the student body. Whether it's at an away game or a simple pep-rally at home, the members always give 110%! G.A.A. is one of those groups who won't get lost in the "shuffle" with time. In fact, they just may come out "head and shoulders" above the rest.

1. Monica's explanation creates an amused and confused reaction on some of the club member's faces. 2. Anna Ortega, GAA President, plans and prepares many of the school sports and activities, with the help of club members. 3. Monica Navarro, Lettergirl President, explains further instructions to the club members. 4. "Team work is the principle rule in playing a good game!" declares Monica Navarro.

Top Row: Left-Right: Lorena Lopez, Olga De La Torre, Norma Nava, Sandra De Leon, Martie Rodriguez, Monica Navarro (President), Lourdes Quesada, Janet Olguin, Susana Ybarra, Lupe Austin, Nancy Hernandez, Carmen Elenes, Gladys Naranjo, Erika Rodriguez, Rosemary Flores, Carmen Garcia, Virginia Gallo, Mrs. Sinni (Moderator)

The Best

Lettergirl's society accepts only the best, and to become a member is a great privilege. Each year, new members are officially initiated into the club by the present members and so far, there are twenty girls in the organization. Activities such as volleyball and basketball are planned by Monica Navarro, the president of the Lettergirl Society. These members did not get in scot free, they had to go through a lot of hard work and rigorous training. The glory that's experienced by Lettergirls is very well deserved because to be a Lettergirl you not only have to be agile and spirited, you must also have the ability to be a leader of enthusiasm. Lettergirls are unique, spirited, agile and enthusiastic, all wrapped up in one.

Working To Succeed

Pep Squad: Top row - left to right: Araceli Urita, Monica Sanchez, Gloria Vasquez, Elizabeth Vasquez, Maggie Almora, Monica Corona, Veronica Ruiz, Toni Garner, Jovita Martinez, Elvia Munoz, Carolina Ronchetta, Roxanne Herrera.

The Pep Squad may well be said to be an offshoot of the cheerleaders because it is in joining this club that members acquire the experience necessary to become a cheerleader. The club, having a total of twelve girls, was led by Susan Martinez, who tried her best to counsel and guide the group. The members, along with the cheerleaders, cheered and danced to several routines at many of the games, hoping to motivate the team to victory. Toni Garner, a member, enthuses, "You really have to be a spirited person, because that is what it's all about!"

Carmen Garcia, Susan Martinez, Virginia Gallo, Mercy Cano

Creating Spirit

The cheerleading squad, composed of four members, is the smallest group in the school that stresses spirit and participation. It is not easy to make the squad because it requires much time and dedication, but for many it is an enjoyable experience. It may be a small group, but as captain, Susan Martinez says, "It is easier and less complicated to organize a routine with a smaller number." The cheerleaders' main goal was to represent the school spirit and unity at many of the games and pep rallies. They tried to do this by organizing vibrant routines that captivated the spectator's attention. All in all the group isn't as tiny as it seems, because it sure has a lot to say about itself.

1. Members of GAA and Pep Squad gather around for a brief meeting. 2. Several Pep Squad members transmit spirit at many of the games. 3. Everyone feels the heat and beat of the cheerleaders. 4. A view from the "Good Year Blimp" of the school's campus. 5. Carmen Garcia leads a cheer at a home game.

Scholarship Through Service

C.S.F. Left to right: E. Felix, M. Gomez, S. Hermasillo, A. Tavares, P. Aguero, M. Ledesma, B. Rangel, R. Vasquez, R. Flores, C. Cabrera, Mrs. Coonis, G. Dominguez, S. Orihuela, E. Viera, R. Garcia, C. Fernandez, R. Brunasso, J. Castillo, J. Aguero

The California Scholarship Federation is one club without any financial dues, but this club does indeed require a strong sense of responsibility in its members. Open to sophomores, juniors and seniors, the club requires that its members maintain a 3.4 grade point average. Once in the club a girl devotes a part of her time to tutoring students with problems in academic subjects such as mathematics, languages, social studies and science, truly following the club motto "Scholarship through Service." Among other club activities is the annual field trip on a school day which could range from a campus tour of a nearby college to a trip to the Griffith Park Observatory. Although the field trip does provide some means of education, it also provides a dedicated C.S.F. member with a pleasant break from academic pressures associated with school, as any member knows. This club is just one of the many rewards a student can achieve if she applies herself and proves to be responsible.

From top left: L. Llamas, Y. Molina, J. Hernandez, M. Alcala, C. Campos, L. de Quesada, G. Sicre, O. Navarro, C. Atilano, G. De la Torre, M. Ramos, C. Serrano, M. Ortega, G. Domingo, 2nd row: M. Curiel, P. Gameros, A. Jimenez, M. Sanchez, M. Fimbres, M. Chavez. 3rd row: J. Morejon, G. Aguilar, L. Austin (PRES.), S. Hurtado, B. Juarez, C. Espindola, T. Tiznado, C. Zevala, M. Bazua, M. Rosero, M. Arias, I. Acevedo, E. Herrera, L. Clark, M. Gonzales, B. Jimenez, M. Moreno, and moderator, Mr. Gonzalez

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1. Elena Viera believes that dedication and preparation are essential in obtaining a lifetime education. 2. Bertha Rangel and Maria Ledesma take time out to relax before going to their next class. 3. Lupe Austin, president of the Spanish Club, shows some of the supplies that will be sold to the students at bargain prices. 4. Mr. Gonzalez, coordinator of the Spanish Club, discusses plans for a future club meeting with the president.

A Club For All

"The Spanish Club is a group where different Hispanic cultures meet," says Carmen Espindola. There are about forty members who hope to share a little of their homeland traditions, whether they are from Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico or South America, with their fellow club members. This doesn't mean you have to be of Latin descent to be part of this club - everyone is always welcome. The Spanish Club has sponsored several activities like: selling school supplies during lunch, so that the students could avoid going to the store; bake sales that offered a variety of delicious pastries; and its annual field trip to Magic Mountain.

A Call To Help

Top row - L. Hernandez, M. Aguilar, A. Banuelos, C. Espindola, L. Marquez, G. De La Torre, M. Ortega, G. Vasquez, A. Zevallos, L. Banuelos, M. Ceja, R. Garcia, L. Quintana, D. Gregoria, A. Gomez, M. Zevallos, M. Ponce, D. Campos, M. Vasquez, R. Ariaga (Pres), A. De La Torre, N. Rojo, I. Acevedo, C. Garcia, E. Rodriguez, A. Orozco, V. De La Torre, S. Muro, L. Palestro, S. Parker, V. Garcia, C. Zevala, J. Morejon, K. Arnold, O. De La Torre, F. Fernandez, A. Martinez, K. Stevenson, C. Ronchetta, M. Vasquez, L. Ortega, S. Orihuela, Sr. Carlann Mod., V. Gallo, M. Curiel.

In this school there are organizations to appeal to the varied interests of our student body, but there is one which calls on girls to help other people throughout the world: The Mission Club. The Mission Club's main function is to raise money for the missions at home and around the world. With about fifty members, the Mission Club sponsors many different activities such as bake sales, Jean Day and the annual dance. The Mission Club also helps people in our community by having annual food drives on special holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. This food goes to local families and surrounding communities who benefit greatly from this aid. Giving is caring and the Mission Club is evidence that the student body truly cares.

1. Can anyone recognize this famous nun? 2. Mission Club members await further information from the officers. 3. Maria Curiel, Vice-President of the Mission Club, gives Kim Arnold her long awaited pin.

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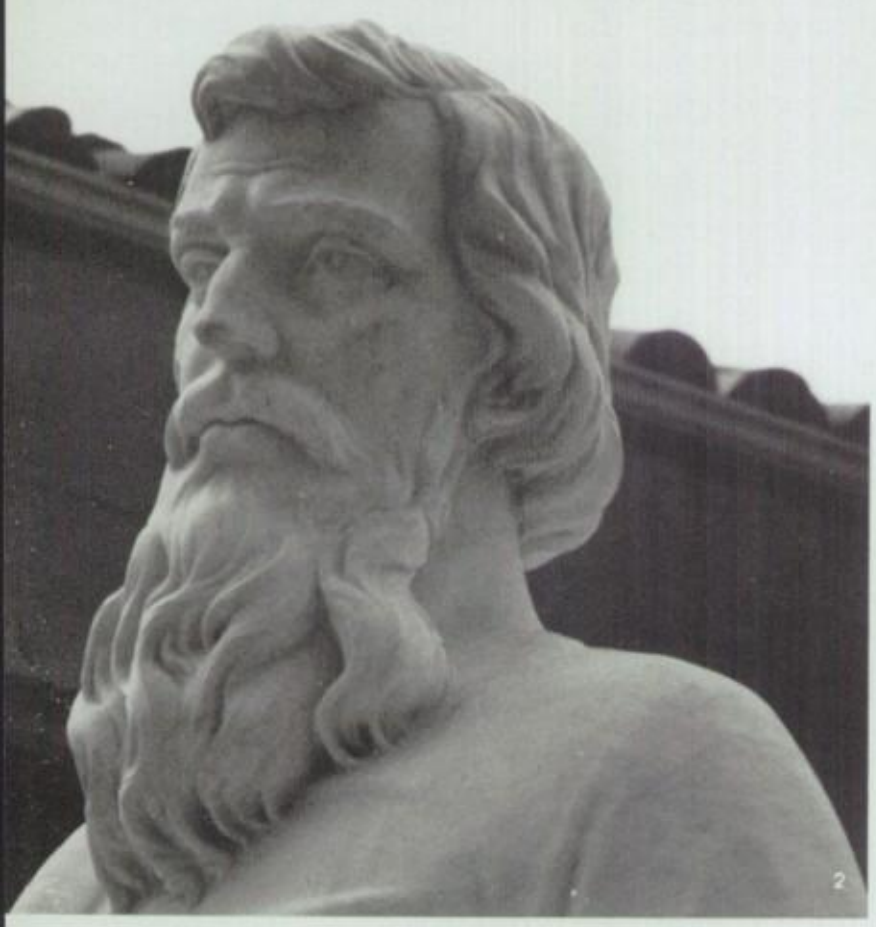
1. Rocia Barba auditions for an upcoming play, while the others nervously await their turn. 2. Kathy Vela always has a smile, when the Drama Club is mentioned. 3. You mean to tell me you're not a valley girl? 4. Hollywood, here I come! 5. Mrs. Storc, directs the girls at rehearsal time. 6. One of Mrs. Storc's poses.

Everyone Is Welcomed

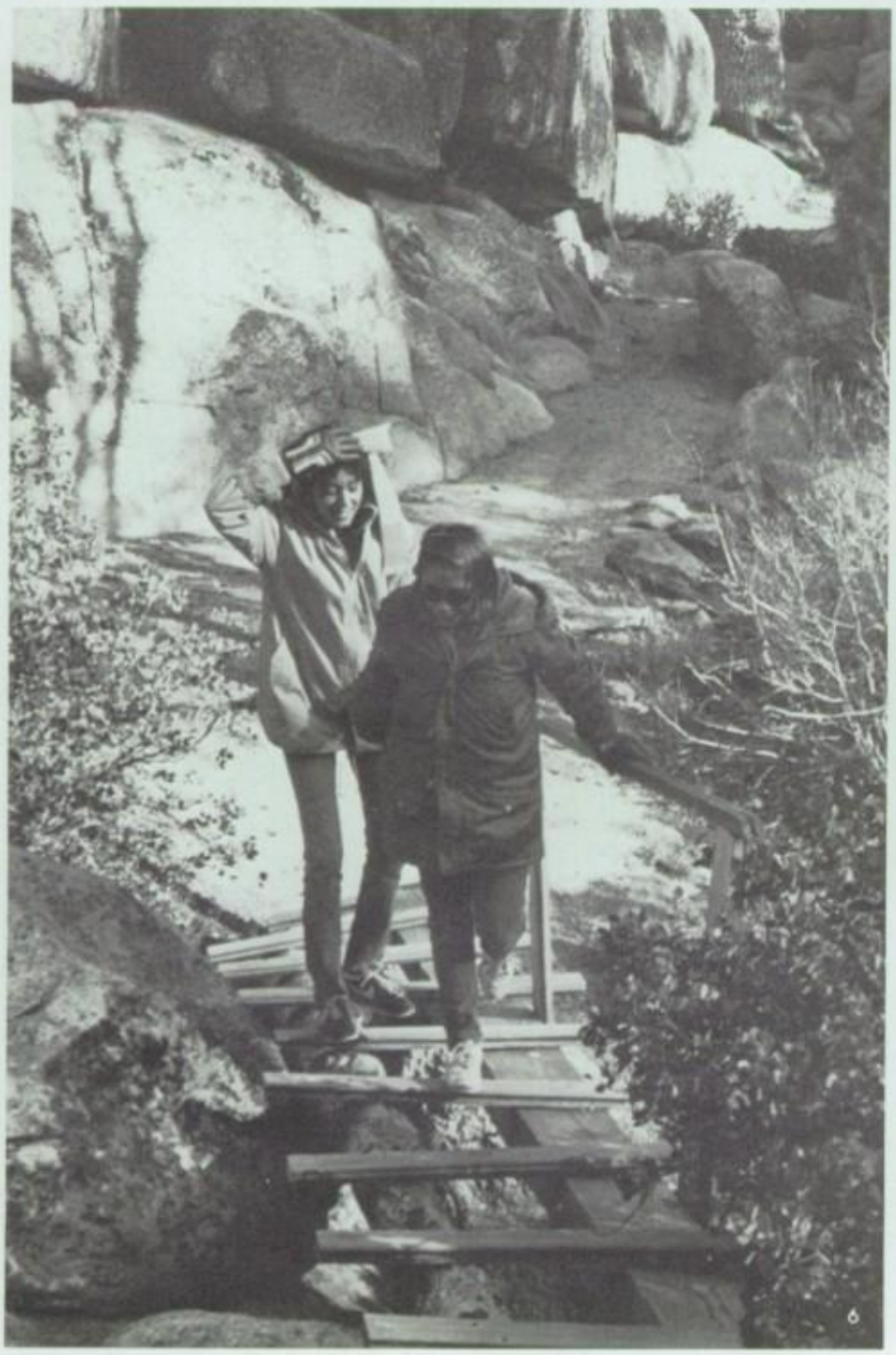
From top left: A. Zevallos, L. Hernandez, G. Vasquez, G. Rangel, D. Williams, T. Ransom, J. Buchanan, M. Hall, K. Porter, K. Arnold, A. Gomez, D. Gregoria, V. Garcia, A. Martinez, G. Zevallos, L. Palestro, S. Parker, P. Gameros, Y. Molina, S. Rogers, R. Brunasso, M. Gomez, G. Domingo, M. Gomez, L. De Quesada, G. Sicre, C. Salgado, Mrs. Storc (the dedicated moderator), M. Moreno, B. Jimenez, G. Aguilar, K. Vela (the club's only president), G. Naranjo, M. Romo, C. Elenes, J. Morejon, and G. Naranjo.

The Drama Booster Club, as it is now called, has become a very popular club this year. In past years the club has maintained a low profile, but now it is open to the entire student body. The Club's main goal is to raise money for the production of the school plays. They do this by having bake sales and talent shows. A car wash and a student/faculty talent show were discussed as possible fundraisers. The club boasts forty-eight members which is a very good size because there are plenty of ideas and a great deal of work gets accomplished. The officers were Kathy Vela - President, Erika Rodriguez - Vice-President, Gladys Naranjo - Secretary and Maria Romo - Treasurer. The officers and members were rewarded at the end of the year by Mrs. Storc - Moderator. "It's kind of hard keeping track of such a large crowd, but it's also fun," says Kathy Vela.



Enrichment

Campus Ministry was formed two years ago to supplement and expand the girls' religious education. Though the development of the department has progressed slowly, it achieved its main goal, which is to enrich each and every girl spiritually as well as mentally. In this effort the department, under the direction of Ms. Gabriel and Ms. Butorac, designed and successfully completed a diversity of interesting activities throughout the past year. The traditional class retreats were carried on with their usual spark of animation, but with a couple of changes. Instead of the customary one day retreat, the Juniors were allowed to enjoy an entire weekend in Big Bear and both the Freshmen and the Sophomores were granted an off-campus retreat. Among the most exciting and highly speculative presentations that were sponsored by Campus Ministry was Disarmament Week, which took place in October. This program was presented by Sr. Regina and Sr. Stellamarie from the Catholic Peace Coalition. It examined the topic of nuclear war through informative films and discussions. The event was an influential experience that enhanced the student body and delivered a clearer perspective on the nuclear weapons issue. Not only did this year imbue each student with a broad range of knowledge, but it reinforced her religious foundation.



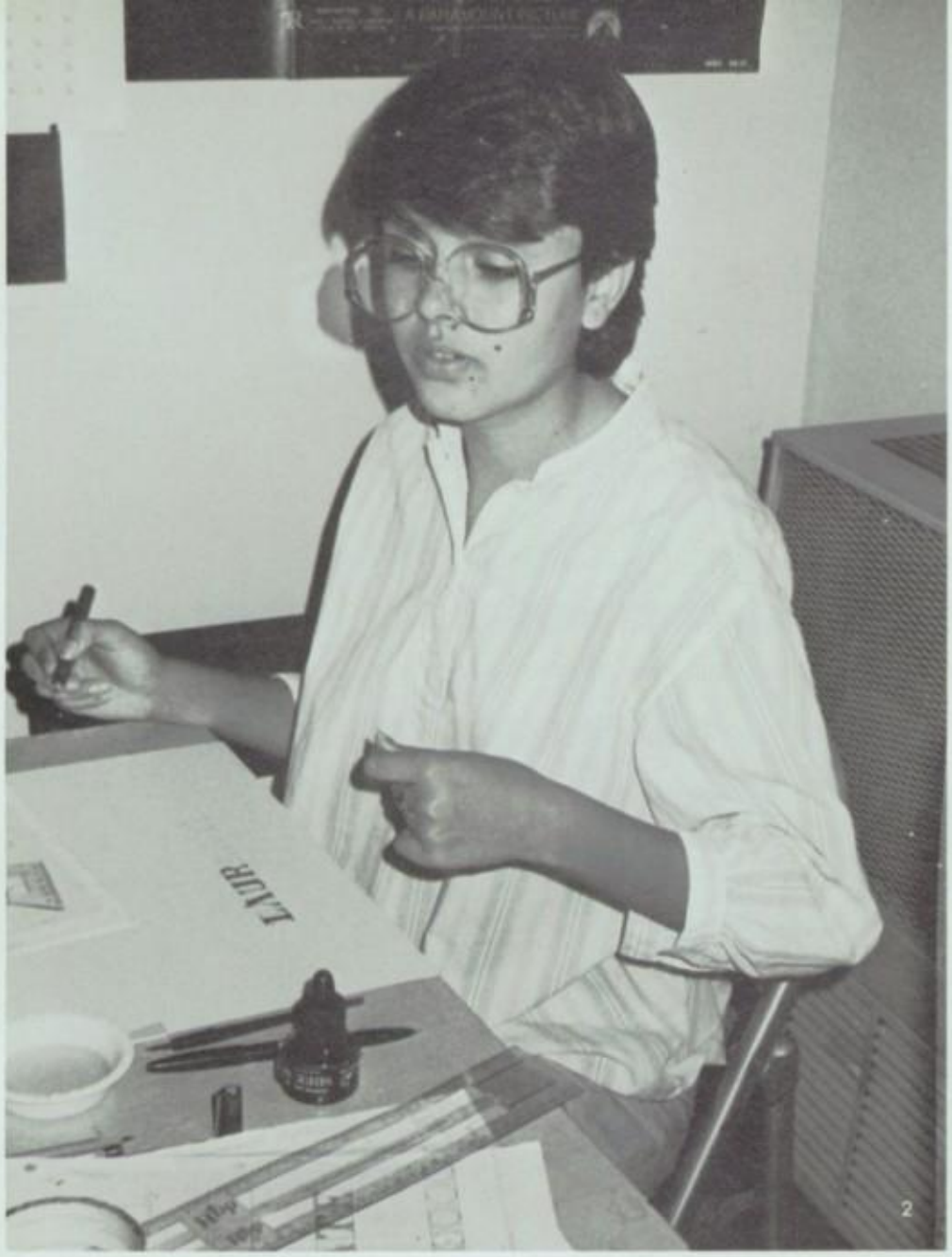
1. Sister Mary Lynn helps Father Tony distribute Holy Communion. 2. Our patron saint - St. Matthias. 3. Playing handbells can be a teacher-student activity. 4. During the Our Father, the congregation is one. 5. Evelia Torres receives her Lenten ashes from Father Gorman. 6. On the first Campus Ministry retreat of this year, in November, Gloria Ramirez and Carmen Garcia lose themselves in the wilderness. 7. Rosa Garcia finds peace after receiving the Body of Christ.

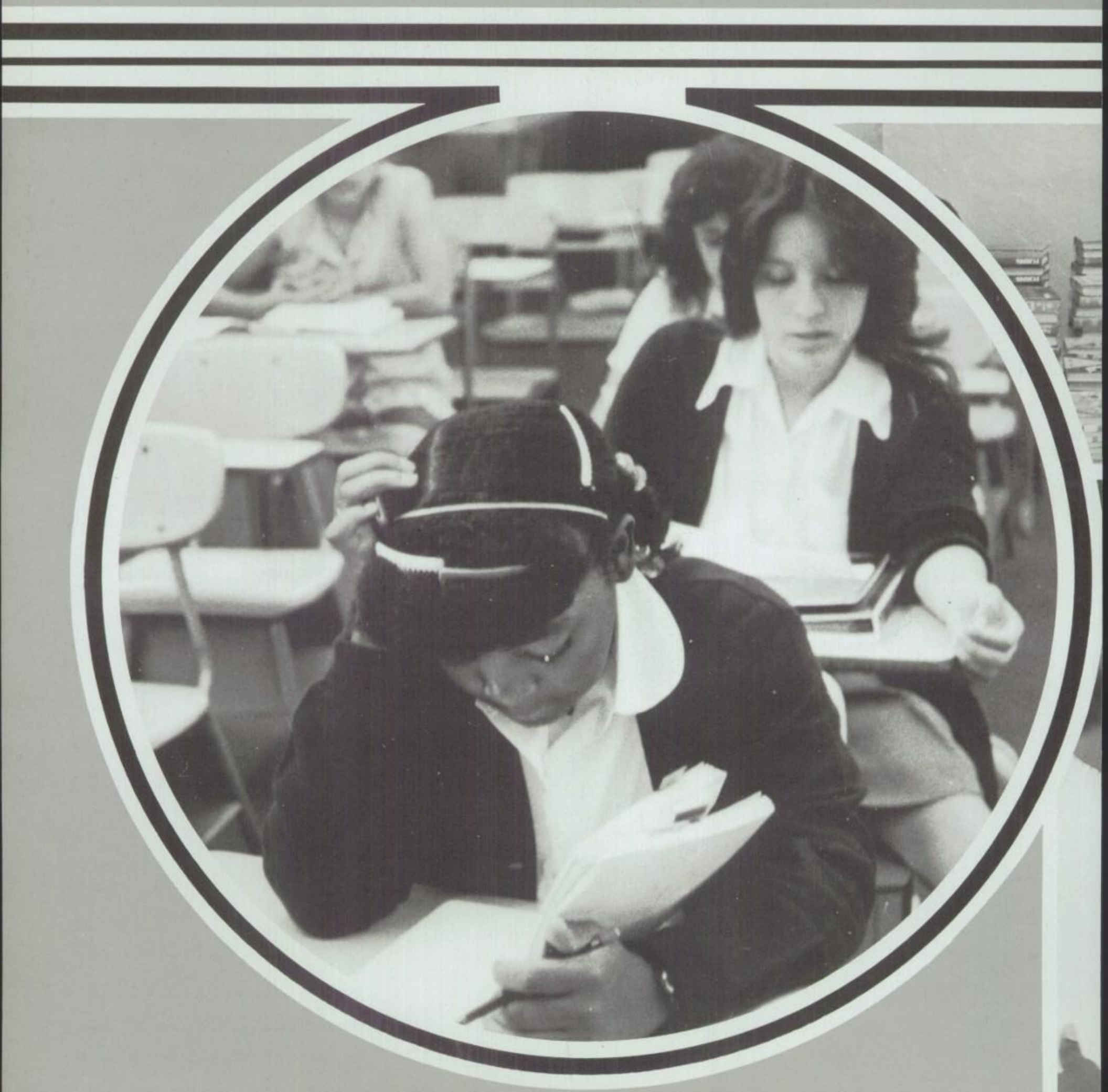
Laureate Staff

The production of anything worthwhile takes an overwhelming effort on behalf of everyone working toward the desired goal. This year, the LAUREATE staff and moderator, Ms. Gabriel, redefined dedication, creativity and insanity in many ways. One way was spending many hours on perfecting that final product — the yearbook in all its glory. Those countless hours were filled with imagination and a few jars of "Midnight Oil" that were definitely used well under the pressure of meeting deadlines. Room 104 was the "Cellar Full of Noise." It was here where, in the commotion and hard work, ideas were developed, problems were solved, and a masterpiece was in the making. However, among the sweat and tears, there were moments of euphoria. Be it with meeting a deadline or receiving a compliment, a smile was always able to be obtained from the staff. Through the ups and downs, disappointments and glory, the staff continually managed to maintain a sense of unity and accomplishment.

1. Section Editors Sagrario Orihuela and Mina Aguilar, identify pictures for their sections. 2. Designing the division pages takes a lot of patience and dedication from Maria Ledesma. 3. Maria Curiel makes sure her section pictures are cropped and numbered properly. 4. Bertha Rangel works on her section to finish it before the deadline. 5. Pilar Aguero, Editor-in-Chief, and Sylvia Rodriguez, Co-editor, check to see that all the pictures are in. 6. Layout designing takes plenty of cooperation from fellow staff members.

Laureate Staff: Center - Ms. Gabriel, Anabel Castro, Maria Romo, Ngoc Nguyen, Sylvia Rodriguez, Rocio Barba, Pilar Aguero, Renette Toliver, Lisa Armijo, Rosa Arriaga, Martha Garibaldi, Sandra Olivas, Josephina Aguero, Bertha Rangel, Maria Ledesma, Kim Stevenson, Mina Aguilar, Sagy Orihuela, Maria Curiel





ACADEMICS

religion

"Imagine the universe beautiful and just and perfect, then be sure of one thing: God has imagined it quite a bit better than you have." (Richard Bach) To go beyond imagination of a perfect universe, is to establish a relationship with God. The way this relationship begins is with understanding His message, His Holy Word which is reflected in the Bible. Establishing this relationship takes place in Freshman year in Scripture class, and continues throughout three more years of discovery. Sophomores interpret their Bible study of the previous year in Christian Morality, where Christian values are applied to daily living, bringing one closer to God. In Junior year, students learn of their Christian identity in one semester of Womanhood, and learn the history of the church's established community in one semester of Church. In Senior year, a girl has many options to choose from concerning herself and God, each a semester long. Christian Service, an off-campus, voluntary service class, is one of the choices. In this class, the student is challenged to be responsible and helpful to the Christian community by tutoring at nearby Catholic schools, and aiding hospitals. Among the other Senior religion classes are Senior Seminar, Marriage, and Jesus, Prayer and Me. Each class prepares a girl for the outside world where she gets the opportunity to establish herself as a Christian woman with Christian values. In Senior Seminar, students are encouraged to discuss anything that concerns them as Christians in a modern-day society. Marriage Class informs students about marriage regulations in the church. In Jesus, Prayer and Me, students learn about different methods of prayer that make getting closer to God possible. For St. Matthias students, religion class is as important as any of their other academic classes.

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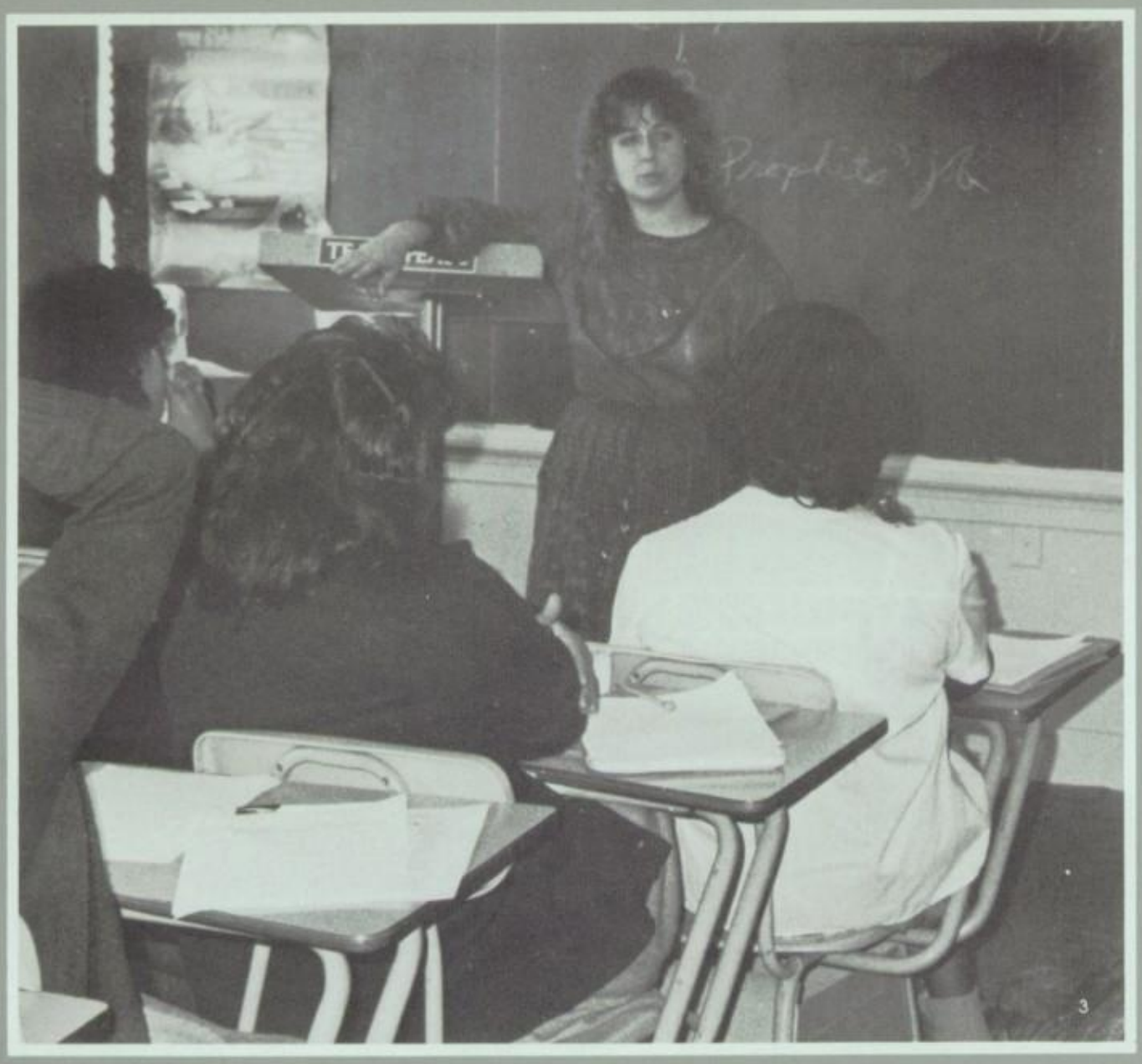
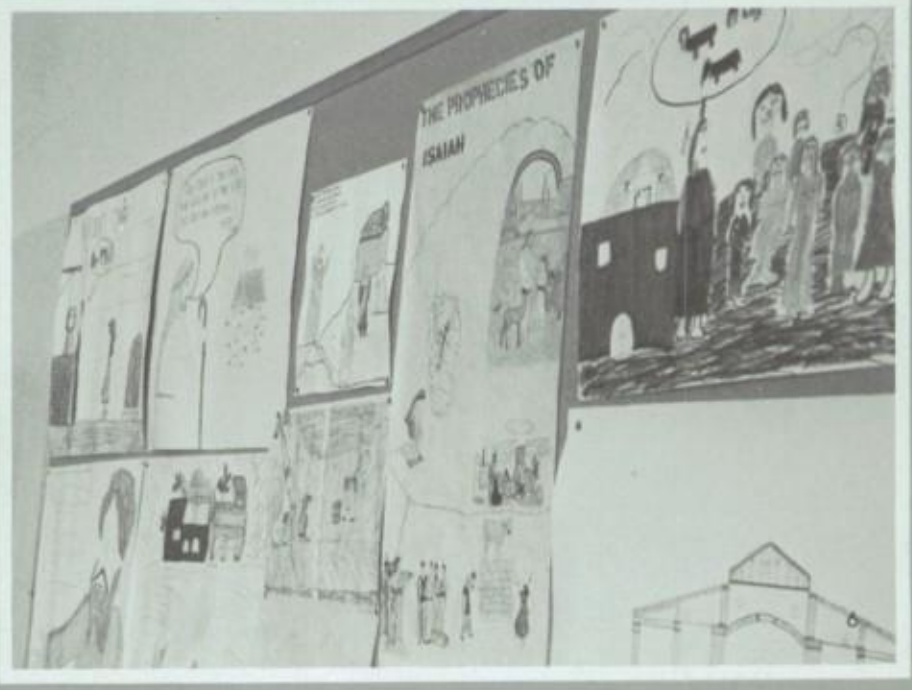
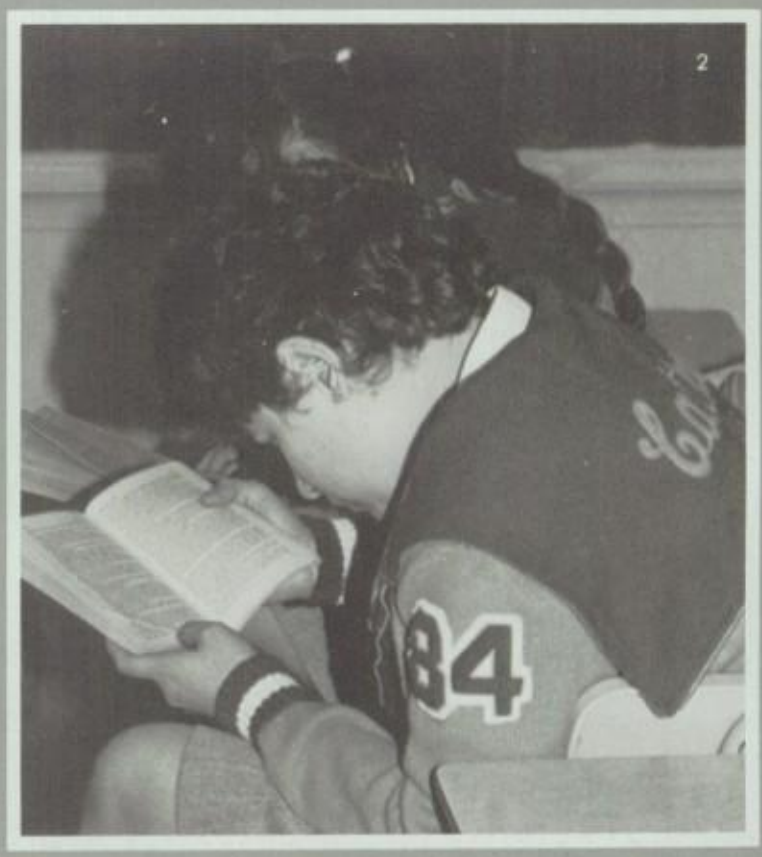


1. For five years now, the young Virgin Mary has beautified the hallways and inspired many. 2. Before Marriage class begins, Clotilde Serrano and the rest of the class are led in prayer. 3. In Freshman Scripture Class, Ms. Burotac explains to the class that being a prophet is not for everyone. 4. Renette Toliver sits through fourth period Marriage class, looking forward to lunch. 5. Sister Carlann shares the inspiring story of her special friend "Gina" to the Sophomore Christian Morality class. 6. One of the many Freshman religion class assignments was to illustrate scripture.

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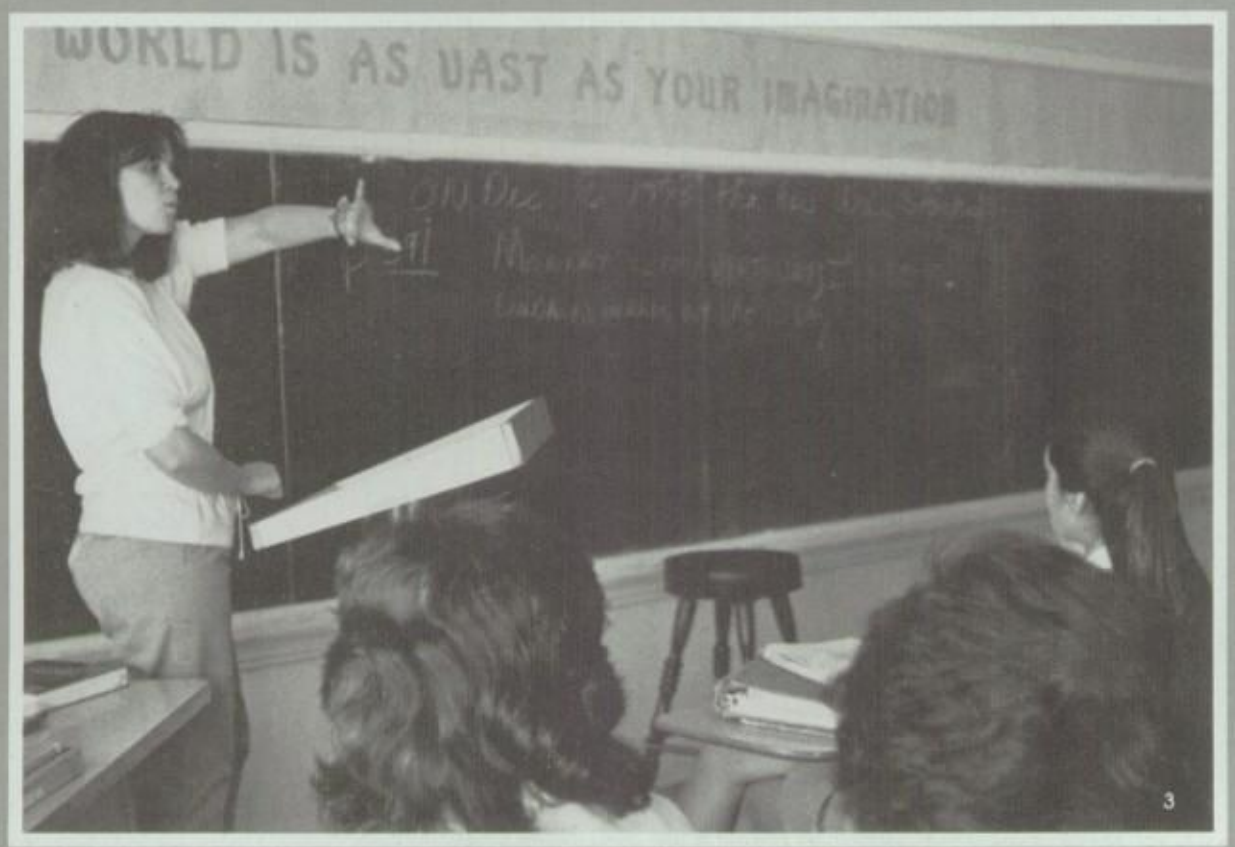
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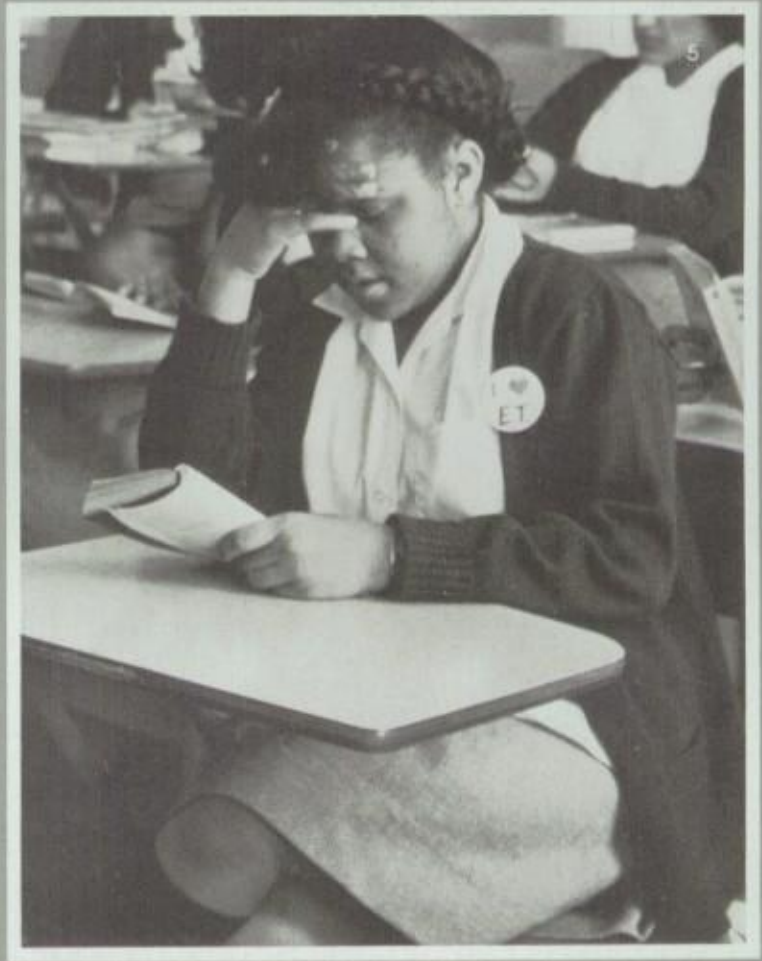


english

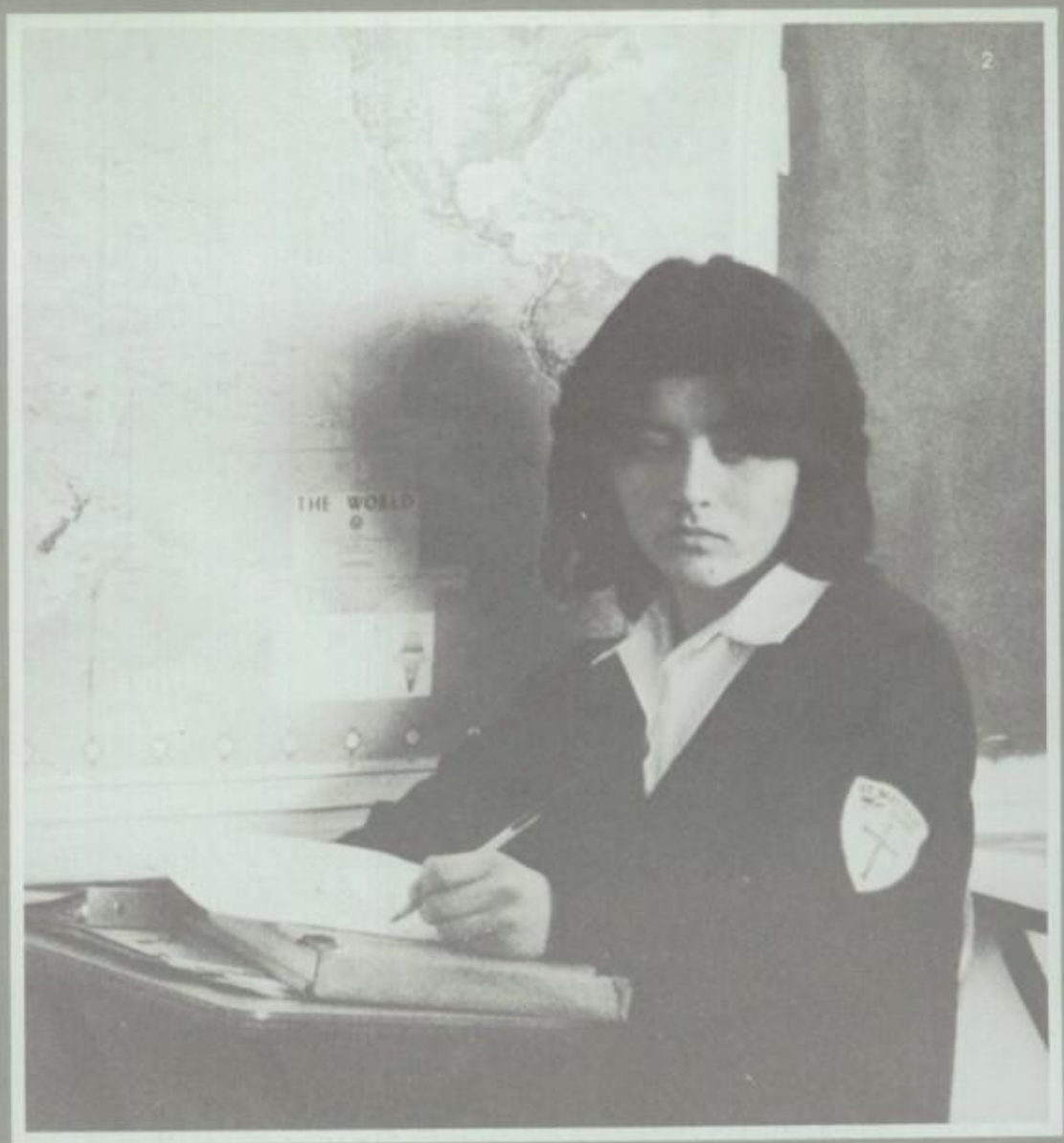
English is a language spoken by many yet mastered by few. Students, usually after releasing an exasperated sigh, come to believe that English can only be mastered by English teachers, but this belief exists realistically only at the beginning of a school year in September. It is natural to feel this way after a summer of soap operas and late nights; summer rust collects thickly on any brain. It is difficult to phrase thoughts after going through an entire summer without vital training in English. Because of this, English is required for four years so as to, in the words of Mrs. Coonis concerning any class, "bang it into their heads." Actually the subject isn't as violent as that. English is a fundamental subject that must be learned in order to communicate effectively. Effective communication allows opinions to be expressed and ideas to be transferred to other minds. A sign of a great mind is thought which is reflected by good speech and writing. That is why English is so important. Learning becomes a joy when it is learned properly, usually toward the middle of a school year when the remains of a past summer are long forgotten, and the rust on the brain is done away with.

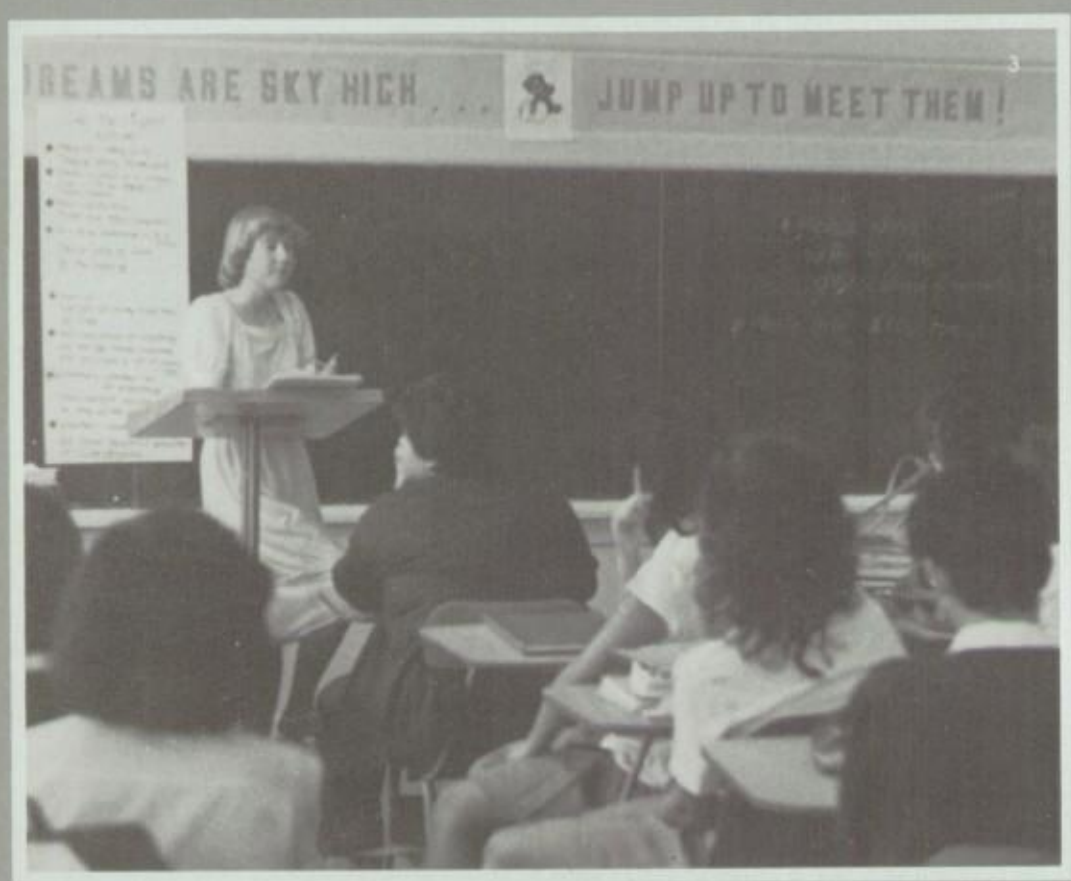
1. Lupe Banderas asks Lupe Cisneros, "Are you sure it was page 63?" 2. Clotilde Serrano searches for the quote that will support her argument. 3. While teaching Junior English class, Ms. McLaughlin uses many hand gestures that make her lessons memorable. 4. Surrounded by a seemingly natural habitat, Martha Noriega gets a head start on her English assignment on *Wuthering Heights*. 5. In Freshman Reading Class, students concentrate on more than the basic story line. 6. Anne Marie Ayers rushes to finish her novel before the lunch bell rings to end fourth period. 7. In the days before semester finals, Janet Olguin checks to see if she has all Ms. Gancher's Honor English notes. 8. Mrs. Gill explains a confusing assignment to her Sophomore English class. 9. Working in groups in English class before exams, Claudia Atilano finds that studying can be fun.

language

The essence of communication is learning to speak a language. In grammar school, we are taught the principles that construct a lifelong foundation. Once in high school, we are given the opportunity to expand our knowledge by undertaking the challenge of learning a second or even a third language. The experiences of newly encountering a language never before spoken can be at times unnerving but, once tenses are set straight and inflection begins to sound natural, the experience becomes fascinating and beneficial to a student. The language department at St. Matthias includes French and Spanish classes. Both are offered for four years, even though the language requirement is only two years. By offering a language for four years, the language department insures a student's preparation for taking the language in college. Ms. Morad, the French teacher, advises her French students: "It is very important that you learn your lessons well because they will make college French much easier." Like all other academic subjects, learning a high school language is equally as beneficial in preparing for the future.

1. El senor Gonzalez explica la leccion. 2. Mrs. Morad at the end of class: "Cest la vie!" 3. "You're right, Bertha. French jokes are funnier than their English translations!" exclaims Sagrario Orihuela. 4. Martha Gomez finds new challenges to conquer in Spanish III. 5. Because of the class's small size, French III students are at times given special attention. 6. First to finish her test, Lena Noriega gets elected to pass back Spanish I assignments.





1. In U.S. History class, Ms. Gabriel answers many questions. 2. Marguerite Arias wonders how much more creative her answer to the History question could be. 3. Political Science students pay close attention to the instructions for their next assignment. 4. Ms. Gabriel uses many teaching aids in teaching U.S. History. 5. The study groups in U.S. History class serve to answer a student's questions before a test. 6. Mrs. Gill reminds the Current Events students that their final projects are due in a week. 7. Nervously, Martha Garibalde continues her oral report on insomnia in Political Science.

social studies

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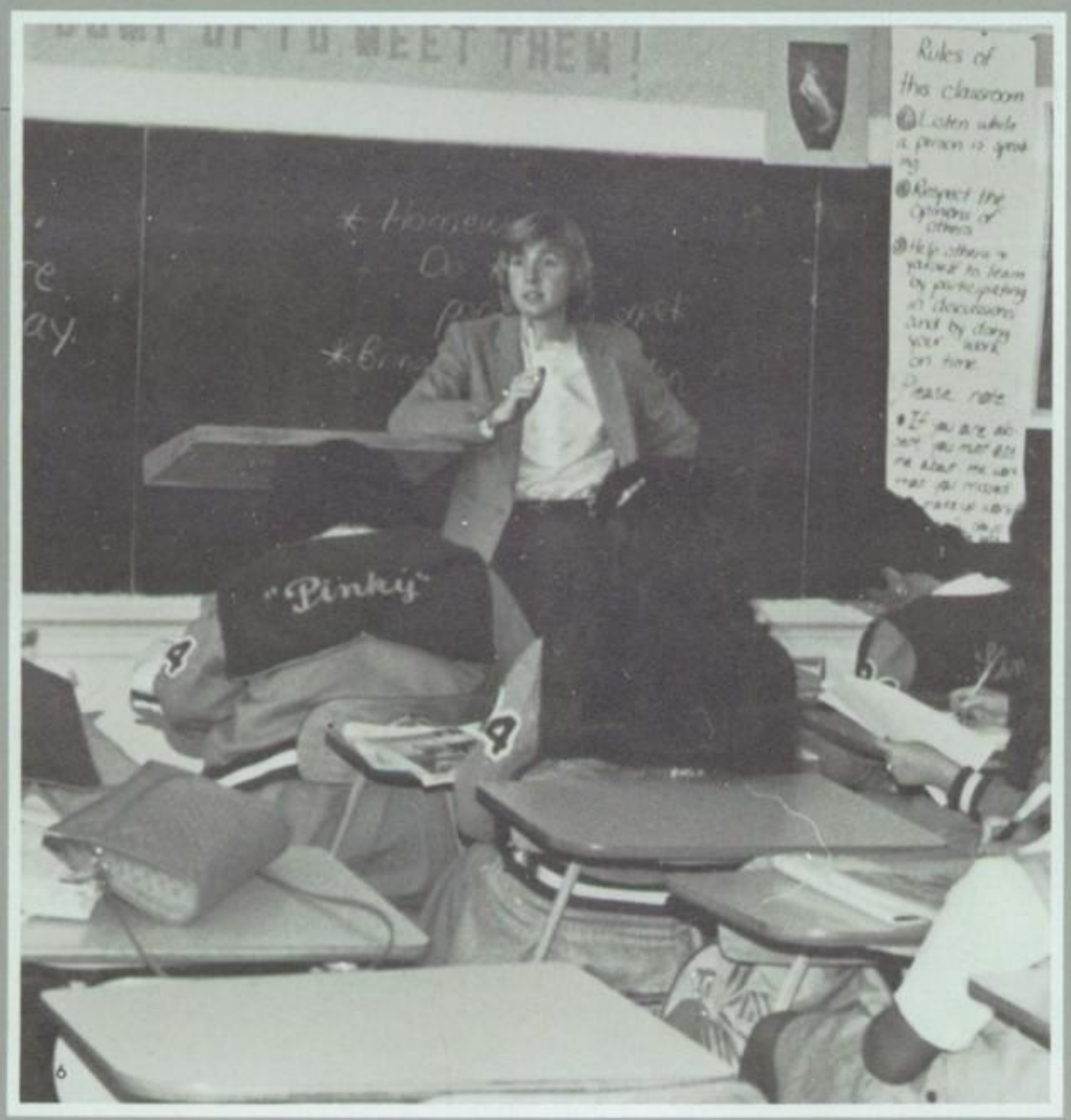
"The ultimate end of all education is insight into the harmonius order of the whole world." (Plato) Although all education serves the same purpose of producing persons who better understand the world around them, social studies is one subject that greatly adds to the "insight" gained from a person's long-term education in high school and beyond. History, a subdivision of social studies, provides a girl with a sense of identity with the country in which she lives. This probing of the past whets a girl's curiosity about the present and its complexities. A girl may decide to let her curiosity be her guide, and take more social studies classes. The selection of classes is suitable for diverse tastes, extending from the fundamentals of life itself in Child Growth and Development and the labyrinth of thoughts and behavior in Psychology to the diversities of social events, customs and traditions in Current Events, Political Science, and Cultural Geography. A girl may choose any class that best suits her interests. Once the choice is made, one needs only to learn and to discover.



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music

Everyday, whether it was Girls' Ensemble in the morning before school, or 7th period Chorus in the afternoon, you could hear music coming from the auditorium. Besides singing, there were the light ringing of hand bells that sounded during period 6 from room 108 to bring out another form of the fine art of music in the building. Bringing out the same forms of music in different levels were two other classes that didn't meet every day, Beginning Handbells, an introduction to the art of "manual tintinabulation;" and Canticum Novum, meaning "sing a new song" in Latin, an advanced singing group. These groups met on certain days during lunch and, on special occasions, after school. When all these musical groups practiced under the guidance and conduction of a new music teacher, Ms. Fran Johnston, you could see and hear a deep love for music. Equally so, that same love for music surfaced consistently in the concerts, proving that music's beauty is timeless: winter or spring, the melodic sounds may have changed with the season, but the beauty remained the same.

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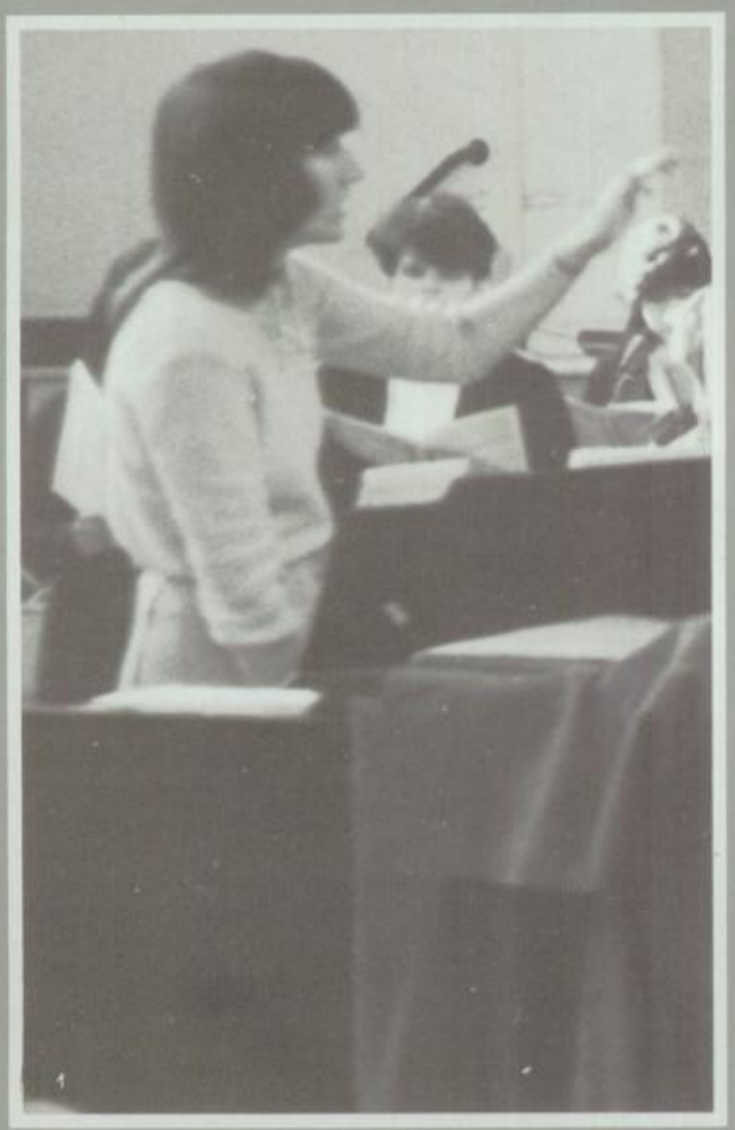

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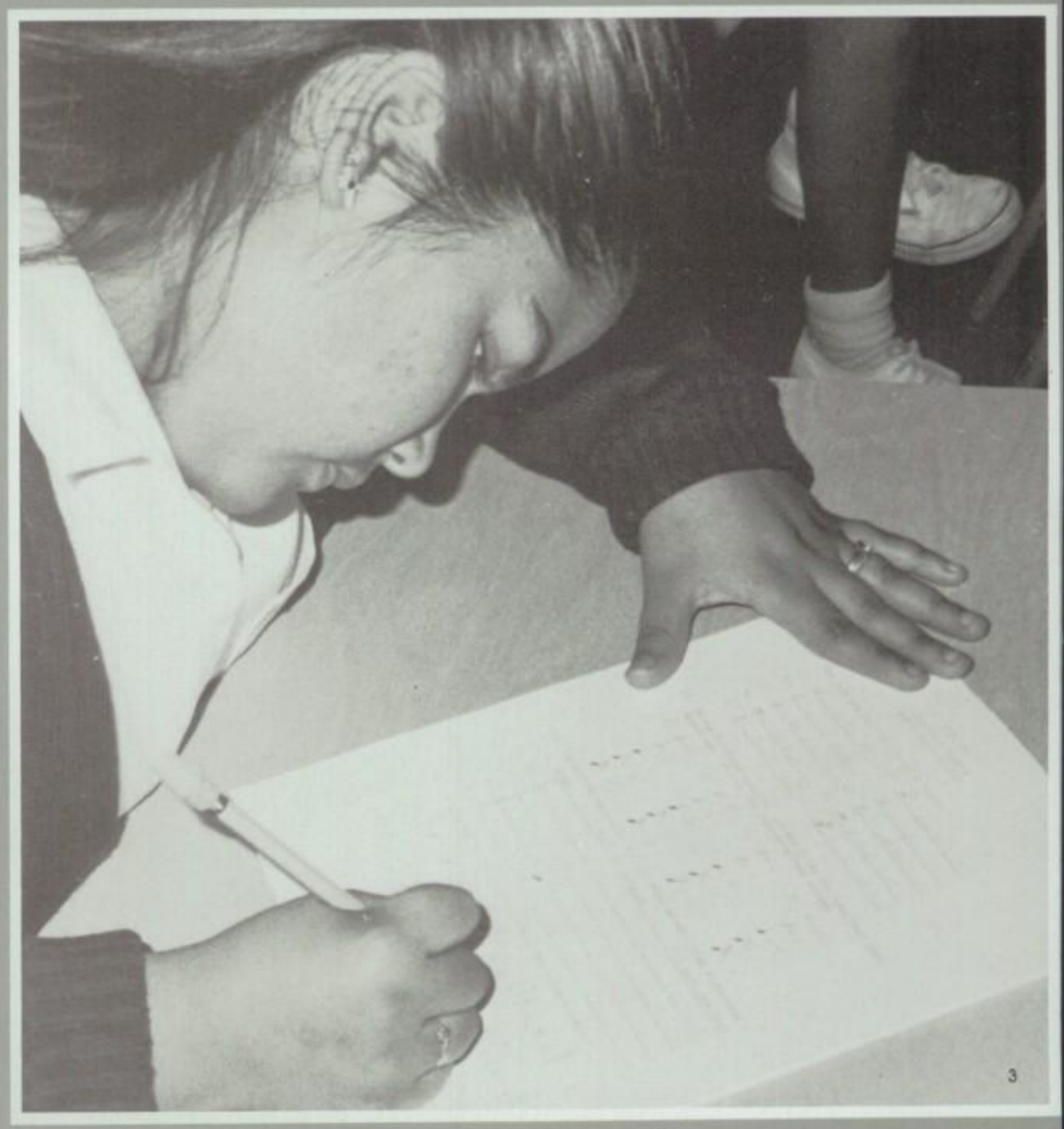

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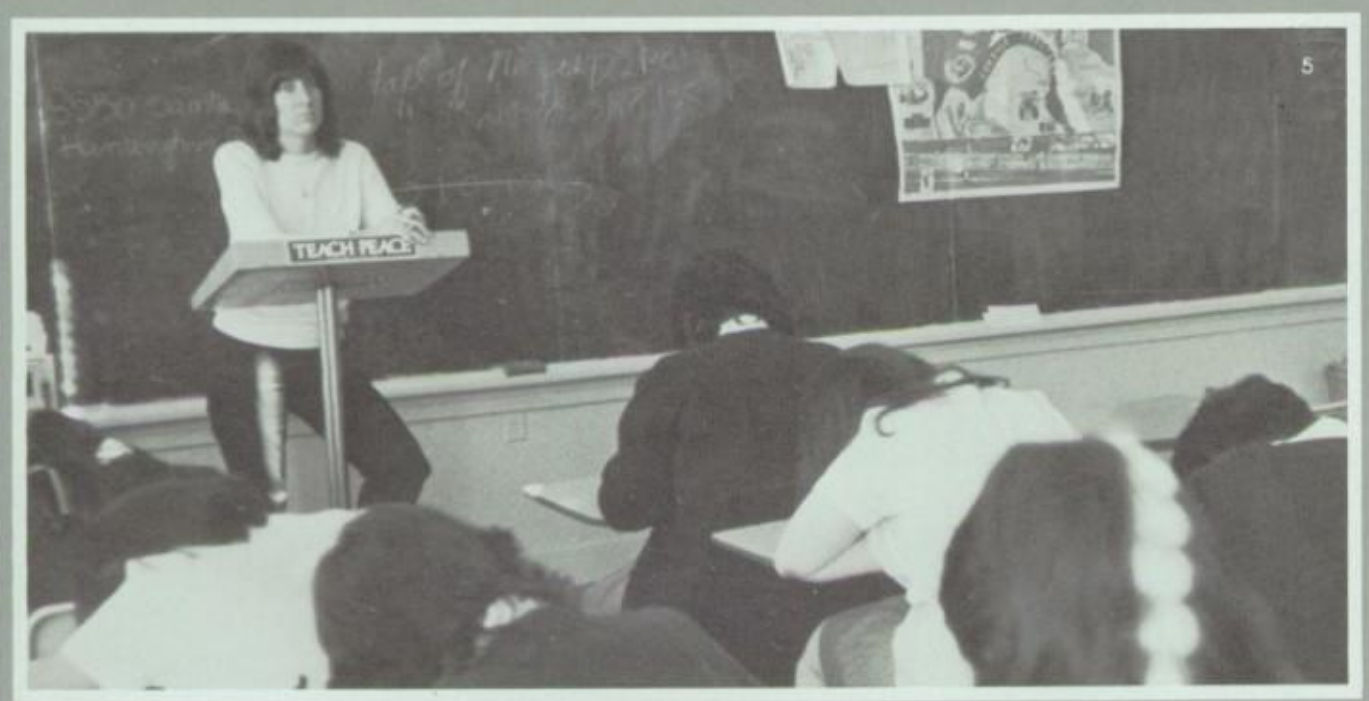
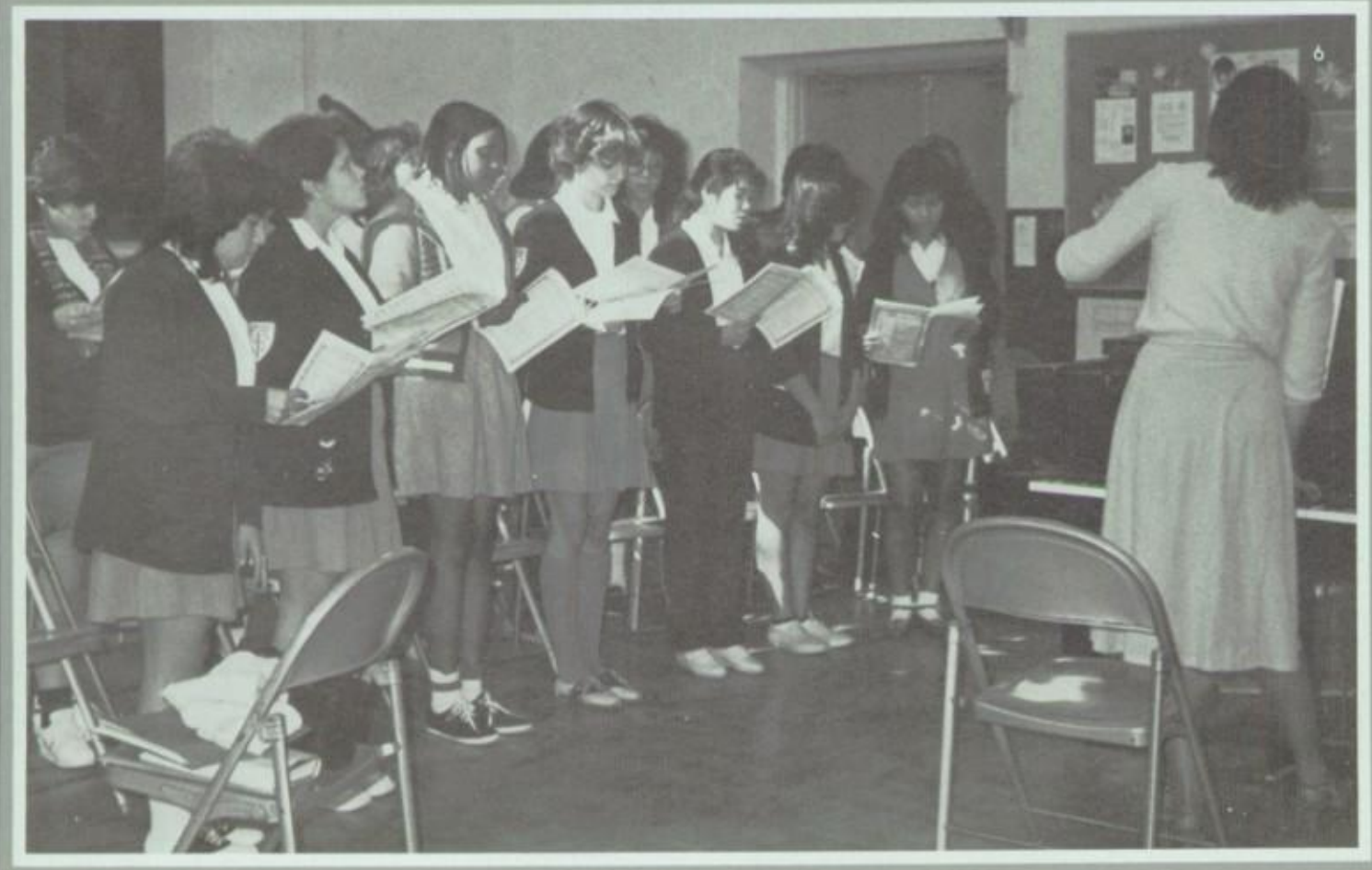
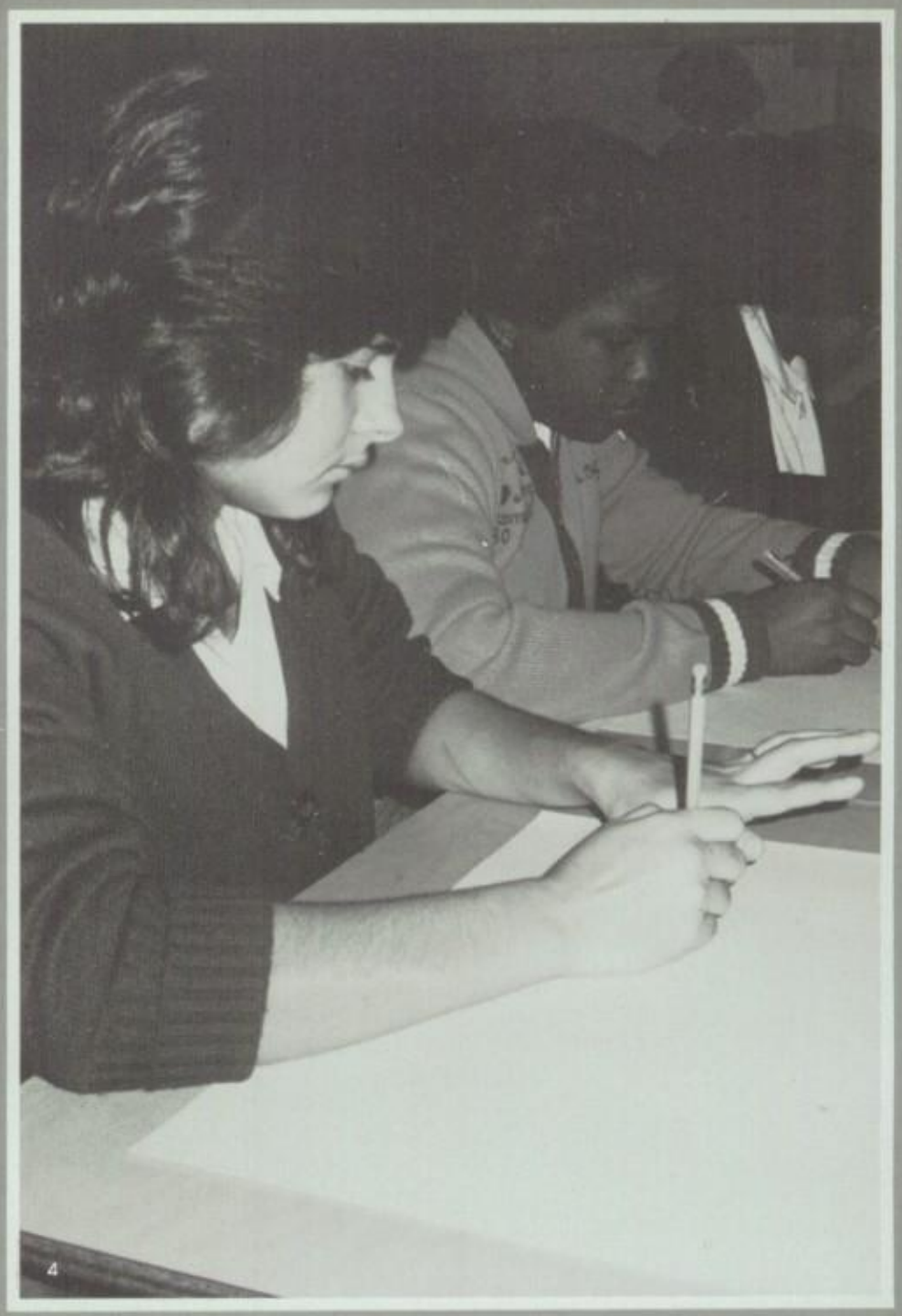


1. With precise coordination, Ms. Johnston conducts with one hand and plays piano with the other. 2. Meeting twice a week during lunch periods, Beginning Handbells students concentrate on ringing the right notes and developing their sense of timing. 3. Chorus member, Lety Sanchez, carefully leaves no answer space blank on a test of her knowledge of music theory. 4. "Come any closer and you might get hurt!" says Olga De La Torre. 5. Seventh period Chorus members take a music theory exam under Ms. Johnston's supervision. 6. In an attempt to reach perfection, Canticum Novum members sacrifice their lunch period three times a week to practice. 7. The special care that handbells require includes a good polish now and then.



1. Art I student, Gloria Becerra dreams that one day she will meet Boy George. 2. Anabell Castro gets inspired by the "Greats." 3. For the Christian Art assignment in Media and Methods, Norma Nava mixes an egg yolk with powder tempera paint. 4.Art I students draw perhaps the best model they'll ever have, their own hands. 5. Ms. Storc explains the basics of needlepoint.

art

"Art is the ventilation of the spirit." (American choreographer, Agnes de Mille). In all arts, the "ventilation of the spirit" means that art allows the human spirit to breathe and to be seen: art fosters expression. There are many means of expressing oneself, but some are more special than others, especially in Room 107, the heart of the visual arts department. The art department gives a student the opportunity to express herself in unique ways all four years of her high school education. The initial class is an introduction to design that does as much as touch the tip of the artistic iceberg. Art II probes deeper into the artistic world with the study of human anatomy. Art III emphasizes art history and the techniques of landmark periods in art history. Taken in the Senior year, Art IV strictly emphasizes painting. In this class, the student is encouraged to paint her own self-portrait. For the not-so-serious art student with a hankering for artistic fulfillment, there is Arts and Crafts, that teaches fine arts such as needlepoint, macrame, paper mache and doll making. In ventilating the spirit, the art department allows creativity to soar in many wonderful ways.

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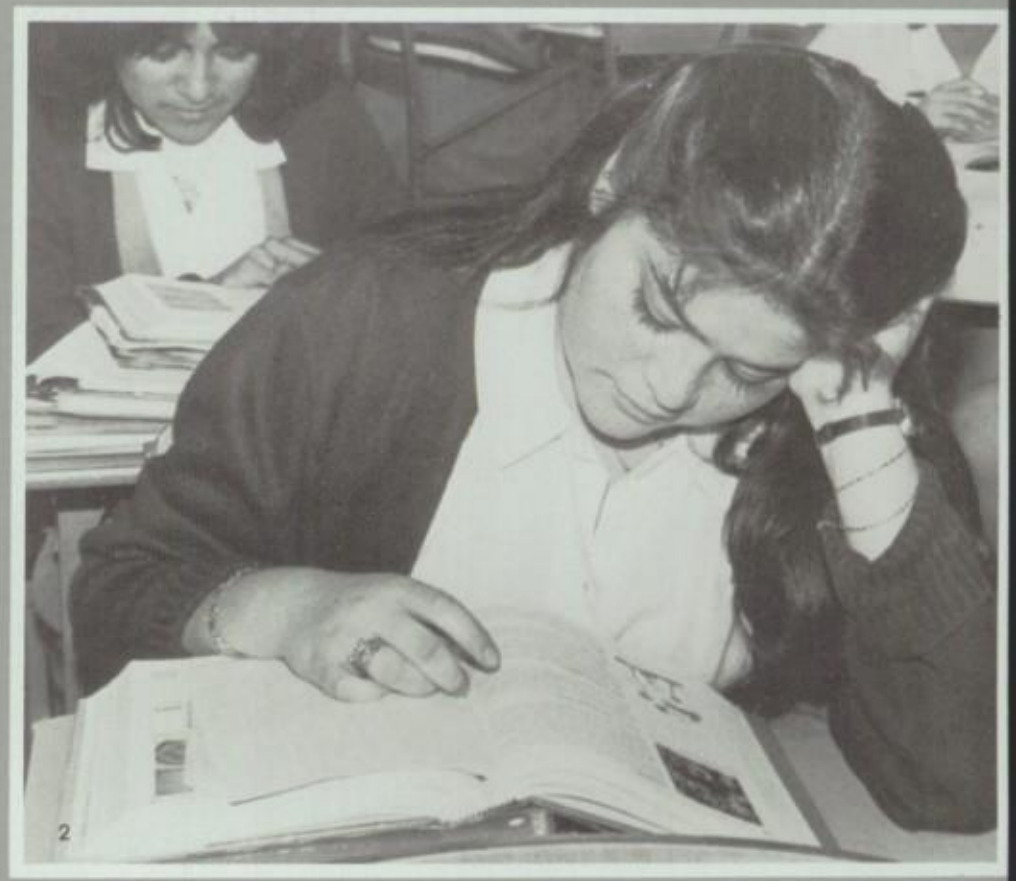
Bertha Rangel prepares her wooden canvas by brushing it over with gesso. 7. Surrounded by her many instruments, Miriam Canales makes the best use of them in first period Media and Methods. 8. Media and Methods students, Sylvia Rodriguez and Sonia Pacheco, select their favorite mythological figures.

science

"All men by nature desire to know." (Aristotle) The root of all sciences is curiosity. It was curiosity that led the very first caveman to rub two stones together to create the first fire. This curious person's discovery changed the world and added a new dimension to the human inclination to observe, identify and experiment. Observation, identification and experiment have particularly expanded with the latest addition to the curriculum of science courses, Physiology. This new course, an in-depth study of the human body from head to toe and inside and out, has, along with General Science and Biology, challenged students to become independent workers, and good note takers. Another subject that challenged students, namely upperclasswomen, to excel academically was Chemistry. Chemistry was special, taking place at Huntington Park High School and having only eight St. Matthias students enrolled. Having taken these classes, revealed each student's "desire to know" and another desire to accomplish.



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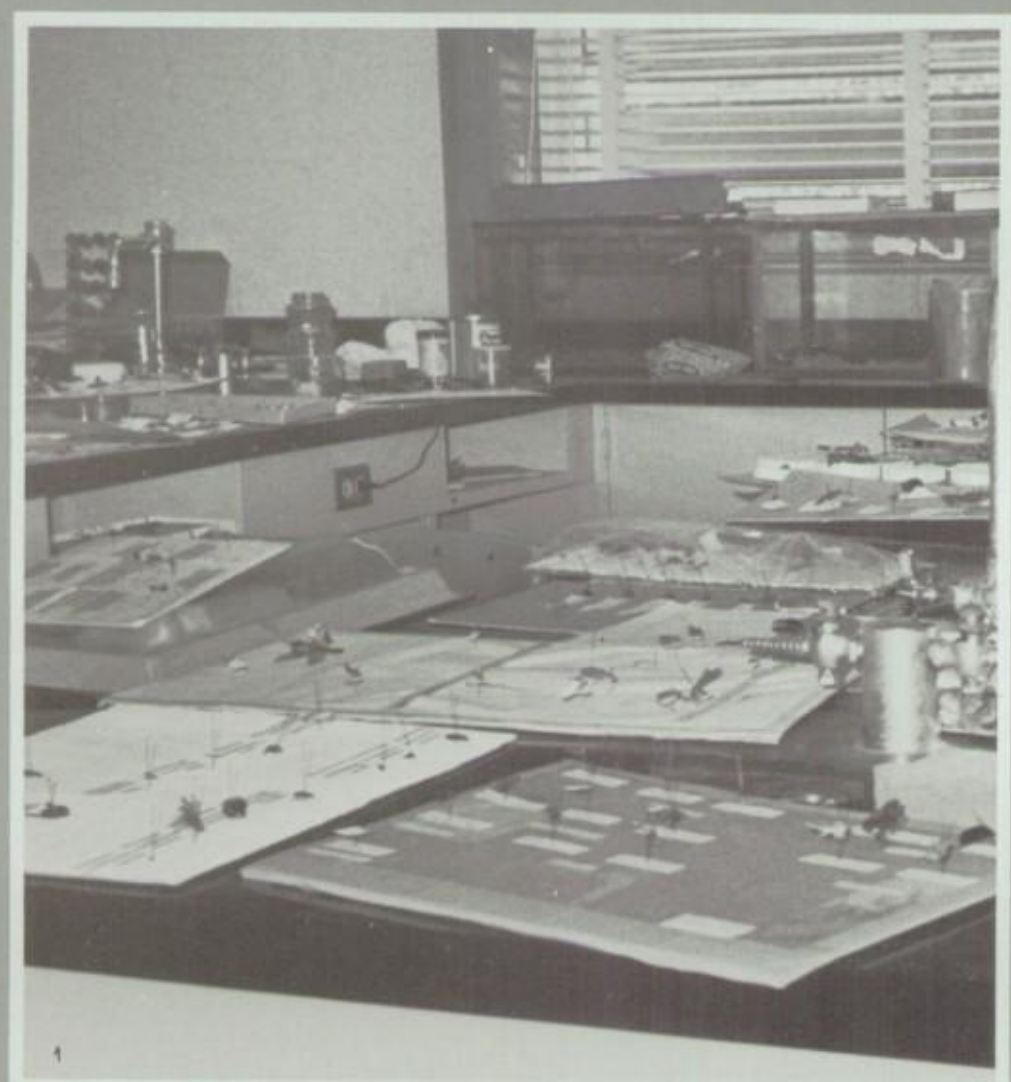

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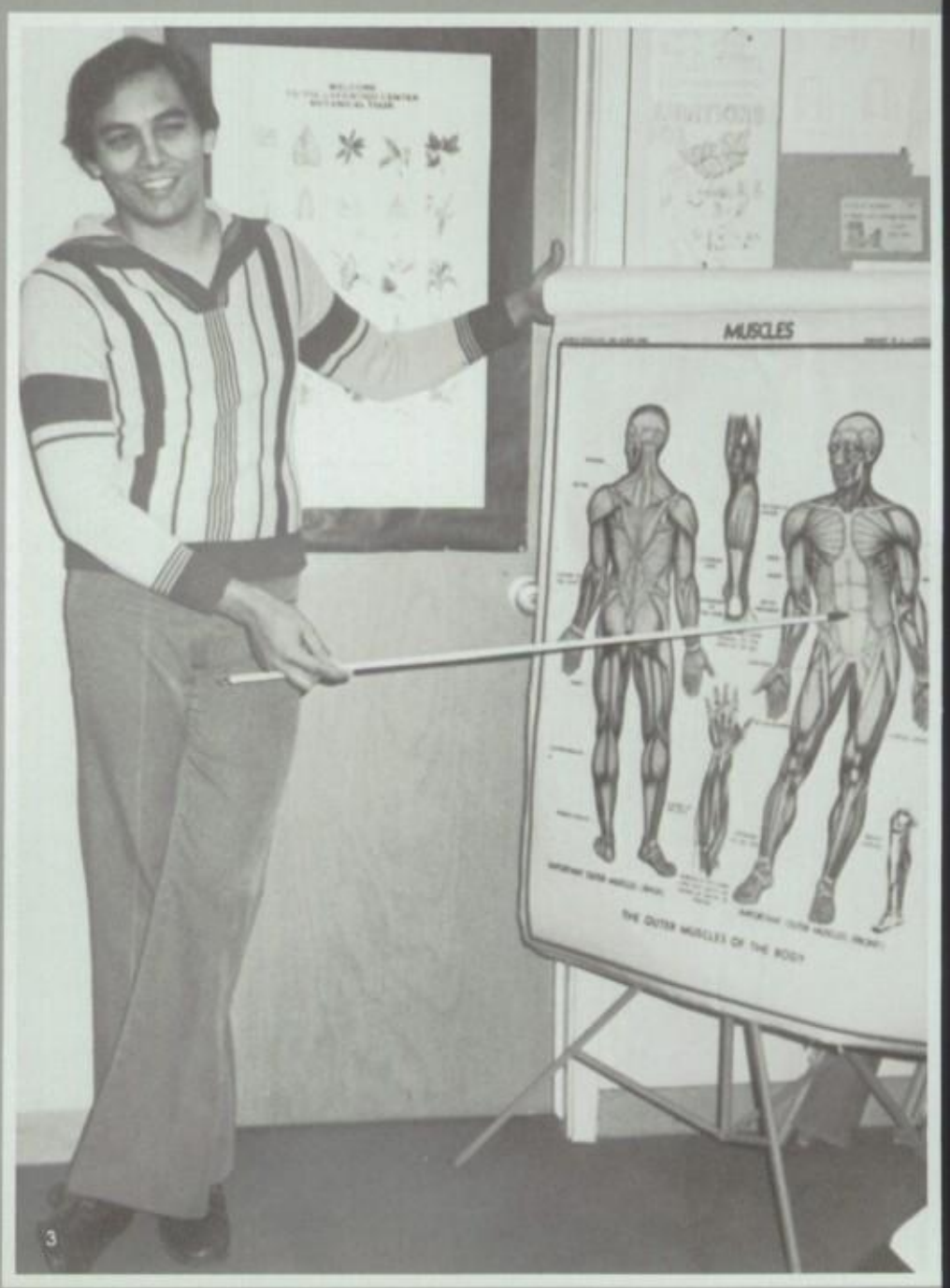

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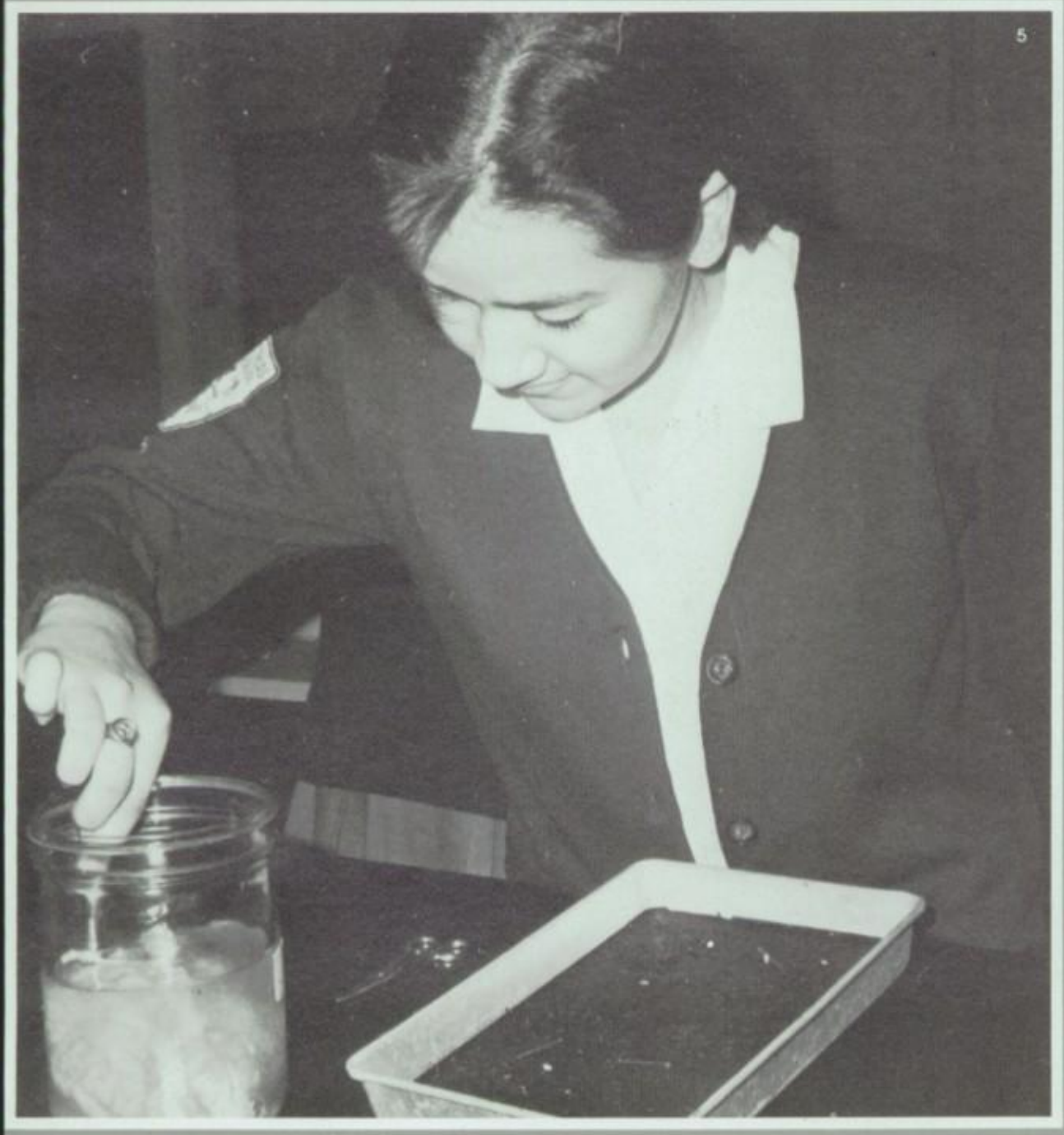
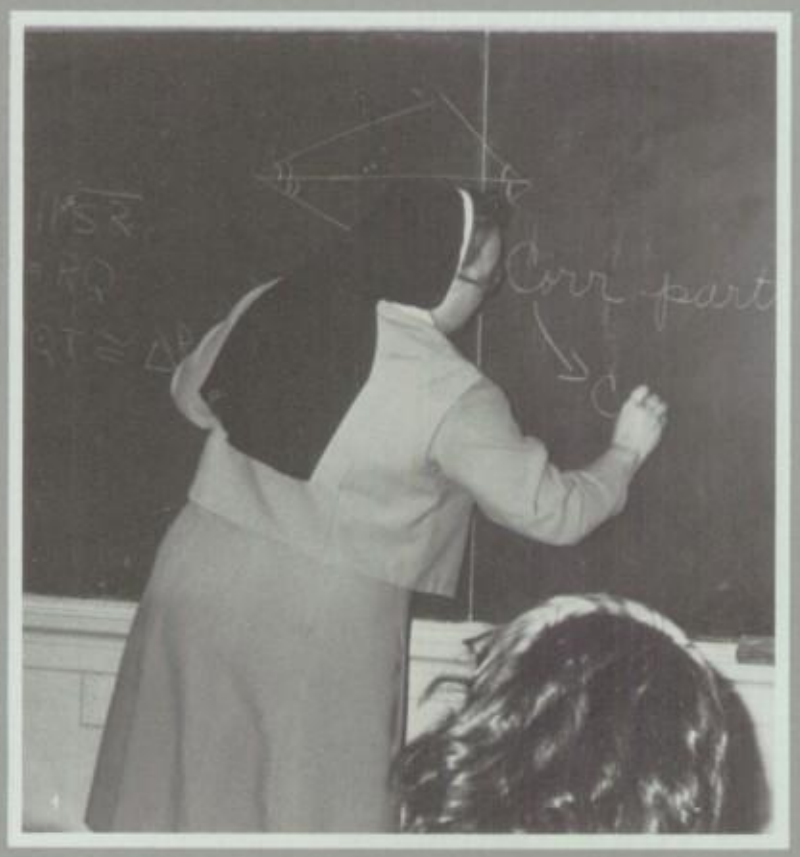
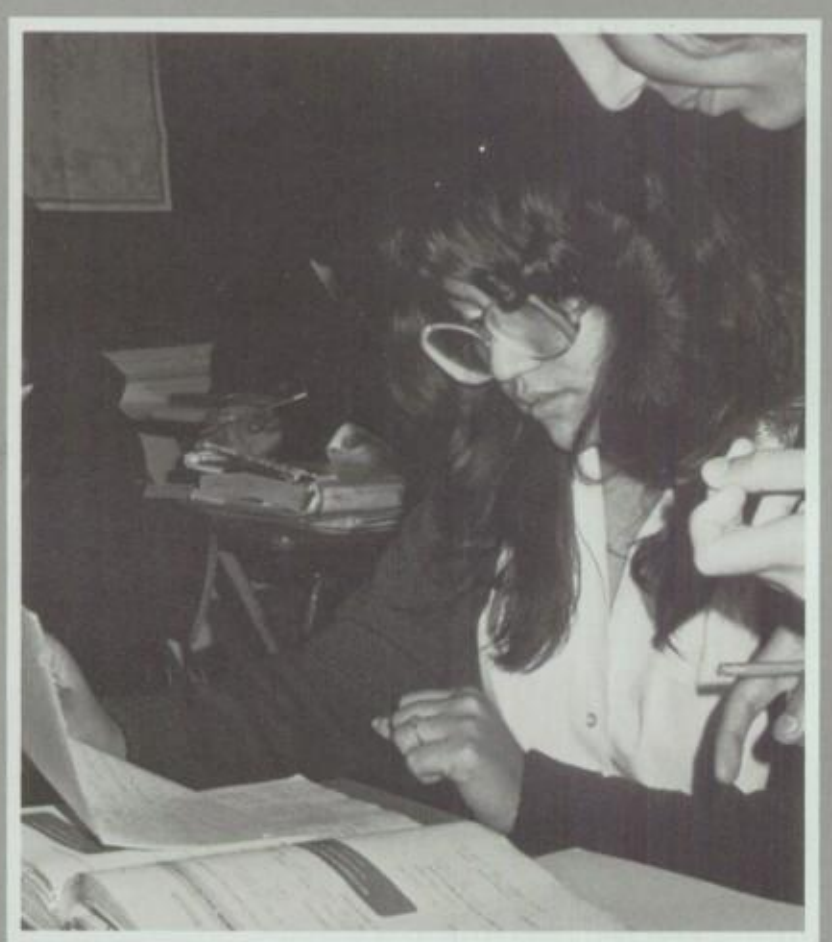
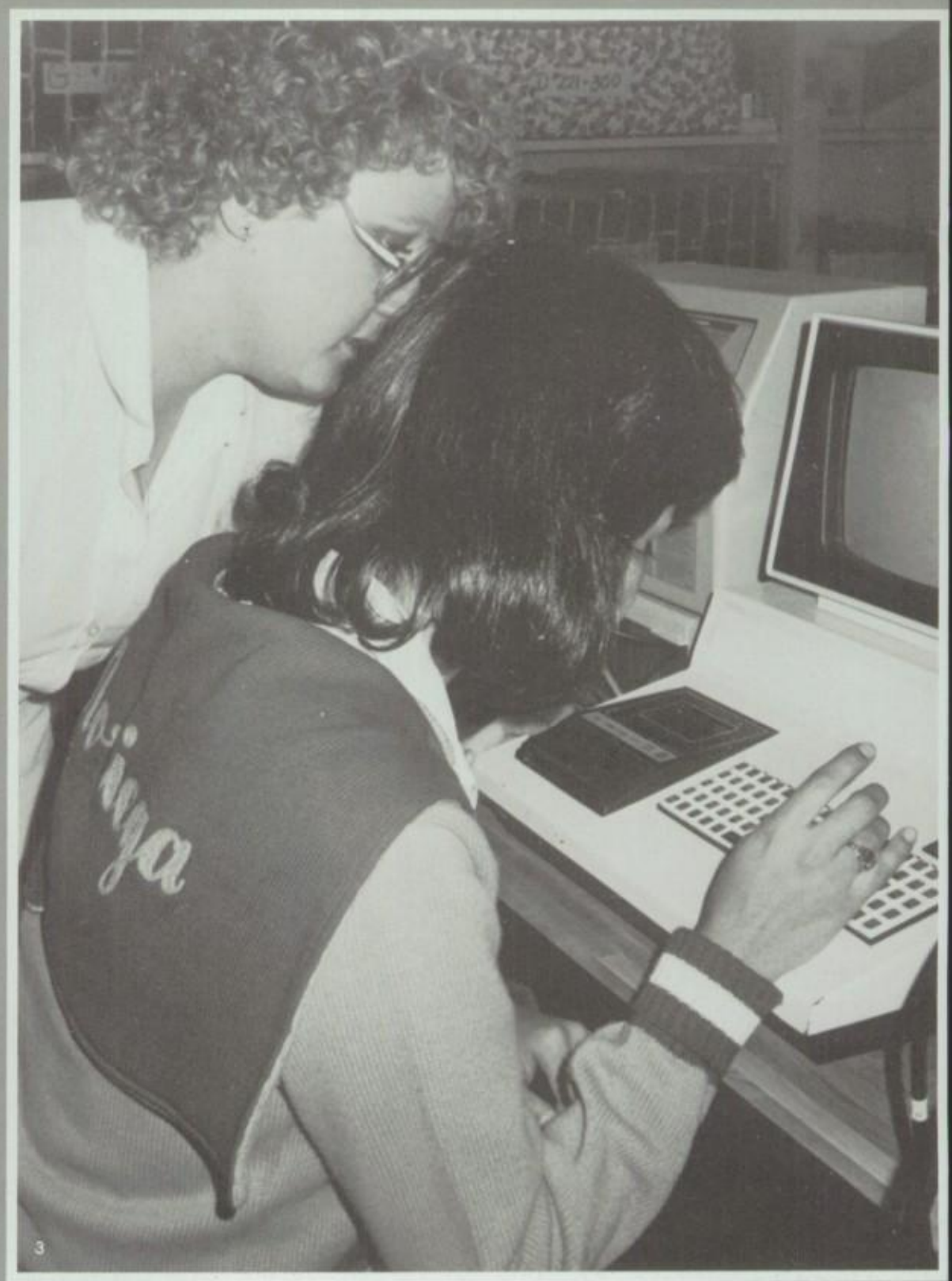
1. Displayed here are the biology classes' pride and joy - their bug collections. 2. Marisol Gomez reads her biology with little enthusiasm. 3. With a gleam in his eye, Mr. Hansen explains the difference between superficial and deep muscles.

4. For those questions that bring uncertainty, there's Mr. Hansen's handy-dandy biology dictionary. 5. With newly gained skill, Maria Curiel tries to lift the calf brain from its container. 6. Who is that underneath all that hair adjusting the microscope? Why that's Rocio Barba, of course! 7. Biology students use their time wisely by studying.



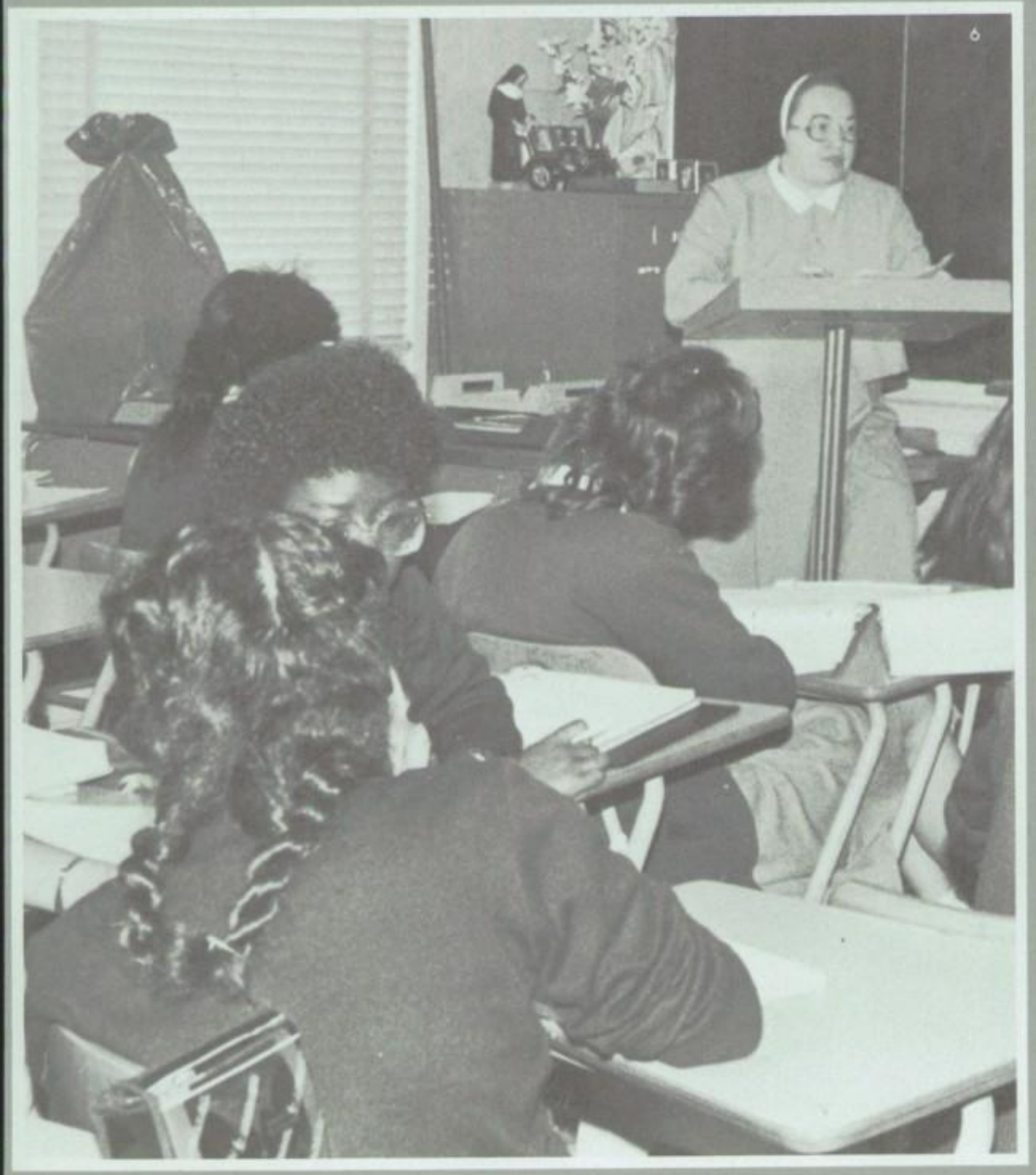






1. As she has proven time after time, Sister Richardlynn explains why the two angles are equal. 2. Going over her homework, Carmen Garcia comes to one of those tricky problems that must be explained. 3. The first step in programming a computer, as demonstrated by Martha Noriega, is listening to instructions given by Ms. Kiser. 4. Lorena Quintana and Fay Purcell cannot choose from the many educating, as well as entertaining, programs provided by the Apple Computer. 5. The delight of solving one of the Algebra word problems can be seen on the faces of Virginia De La Torre and Maria Delgado. 6. The Geometry students apparently dare not question the postulates. Sister Richardlynn is ready for any challenge. 7. Ms. Kiser, returning papers, doesn't seem too thrilled. What could be the reason?

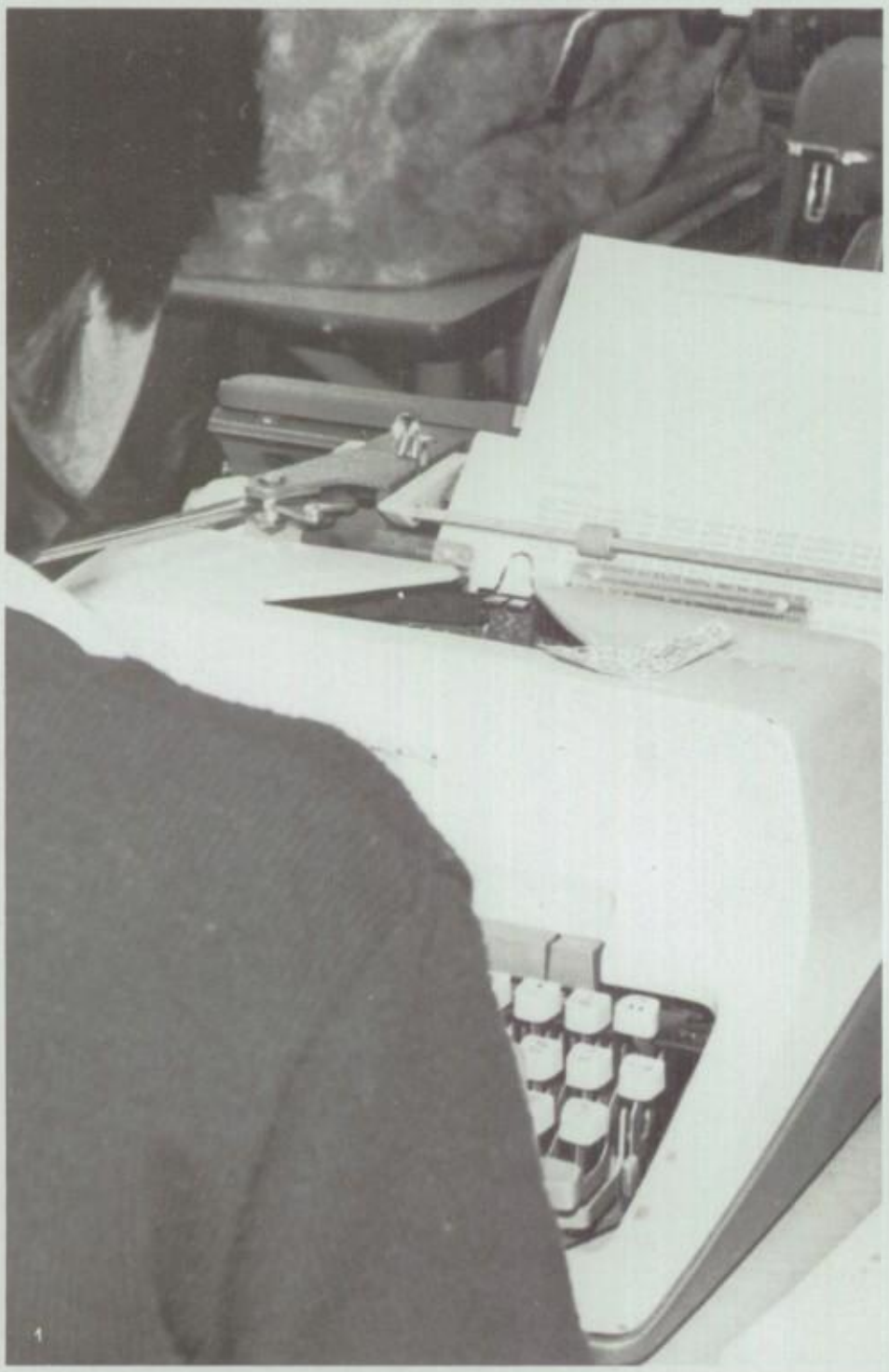
math



"Then, if we are to set women to do the same tasks as men, we must teach them the same things." (Plato) One field that was once dominated only by males is mathematics. Striving for equality, many ambitious women have paved the road to liberation by learning "to do the same tasks as men," often times independently and in secret. Gradually men and women began "to do the same tasks" by learning the same things. In the present day, mathematics is a subject for anyone who has the time and energy. Opportunities in math only await a student wishing to stretch her horizons all four years of her high school education, even though only two years are required for graduation. The early math classes, in the first two years, teach the fundamentals of mathematics in Basic Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra and Geometry. The later math classes, taken in the last two years, expand upon fundamentals in Algebra II and Math VI, which, this year, included an exploration of the "basic" computer field. Each math class serves in the development of one's mind, teaching logic and complex thought. In taking four years of math classes, a student forms a solid foundation that will be beneficial for the rest of her life, enabling her to learn and to do "the same things as men," in a world where a commitment to excellence is expected of every individual.

vocational arts

Along with the regular fine arts such as music and art, there are the vocational arts which include Typing, Recordkeeping, Consumer Math and Sewing. These classes aid students in acquiring skills that will more than benefit them in the future, making the students well-rounded individuals who know how to do many things ranging from filling out an income tax form to sewing a dress for the prom. The key word is preparation. Without it an individual could still live, but with it an individual may discover a more creative and efficient way to live, spending time on more things, and extending her horizons to their fullest.



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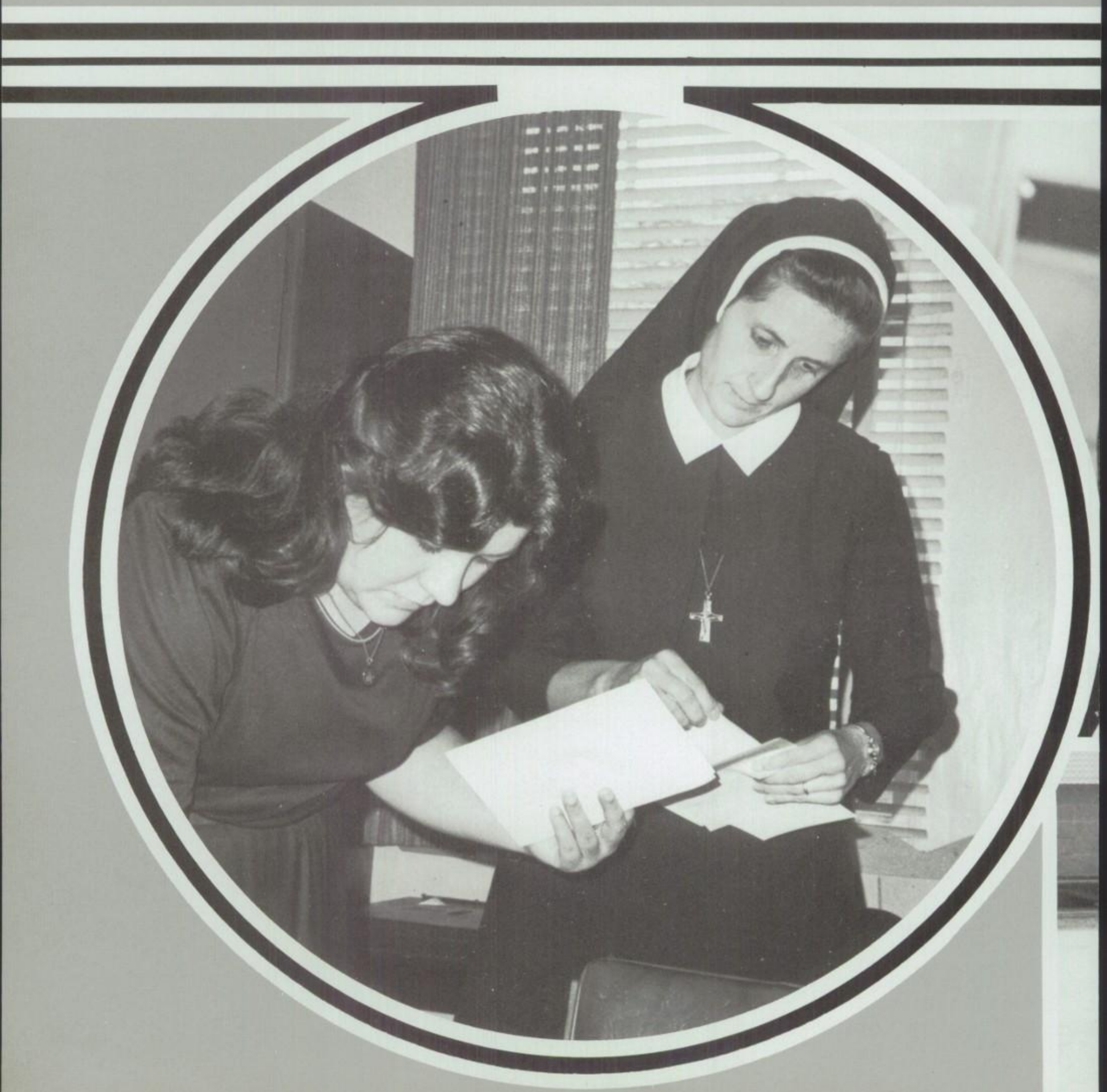
1. Trying to finish assignments too quickly often means redoing them. 2. Martha Rodriguez proofreads her paper before turning it in. 3. In typing class, students rarely have time to socialize through conversation. 4. Mrs. McAllister helps Lena Noriega rethread a bobbin. 5. Sewing I students realize that a minute wasted is a minute lost. 6. Francisca Cocoa tests her newly acquired knowledge of seams on sample fabric.

St. Patrick's Day
old place

physical education

"The sense of physical fitness fills a man with self-confidence and energy and makes him twice the man he was." (Plato) One class that enables us to achieve physical fitness is Physical Education. Plato said that the human soul is divided into two parts, the spiritual and philosophical. In order to achieve a balance between the two, we must fashion our lives in such a way that will not let us forget either part of our human soul. Physical Education reminds us that there is still that part of ourselves we must not forget as busy students, our physical selves, the spirited side. In P.E. we learn that maintaining an ideal weight and muscle tone is enjoyable, and profitable in the end. A physical education class also includes first aid which is a highly useful approach in learning what to do when an emergency concerning health hazards arises. Everyone is required to take physical education. Achieving the mental/physical, spiritual/philosophical balance is barred to no one.

1. Keeping at their own pace, P.E. students do their jumping jacks without difficulty. 2. Waiting for an opening, Lorena Ramirez prepares to serve the ball. 3. Mrs. Sinni distributes the rules for first aid, which Carolina Rochetta questions as to their purpose. Knowledge of first aid can be the difference between life and death. 4. A pitcher requires a good eye and a steady arm, a position Saquenta Williams definitely qualifies for. 5. With workouts prior to playing any games, these girls keep their bodies in tone and in time will be ready to tryout for "A Chorus Line." 6. Kicking the ball at the right time and place can prove to be rewarding.



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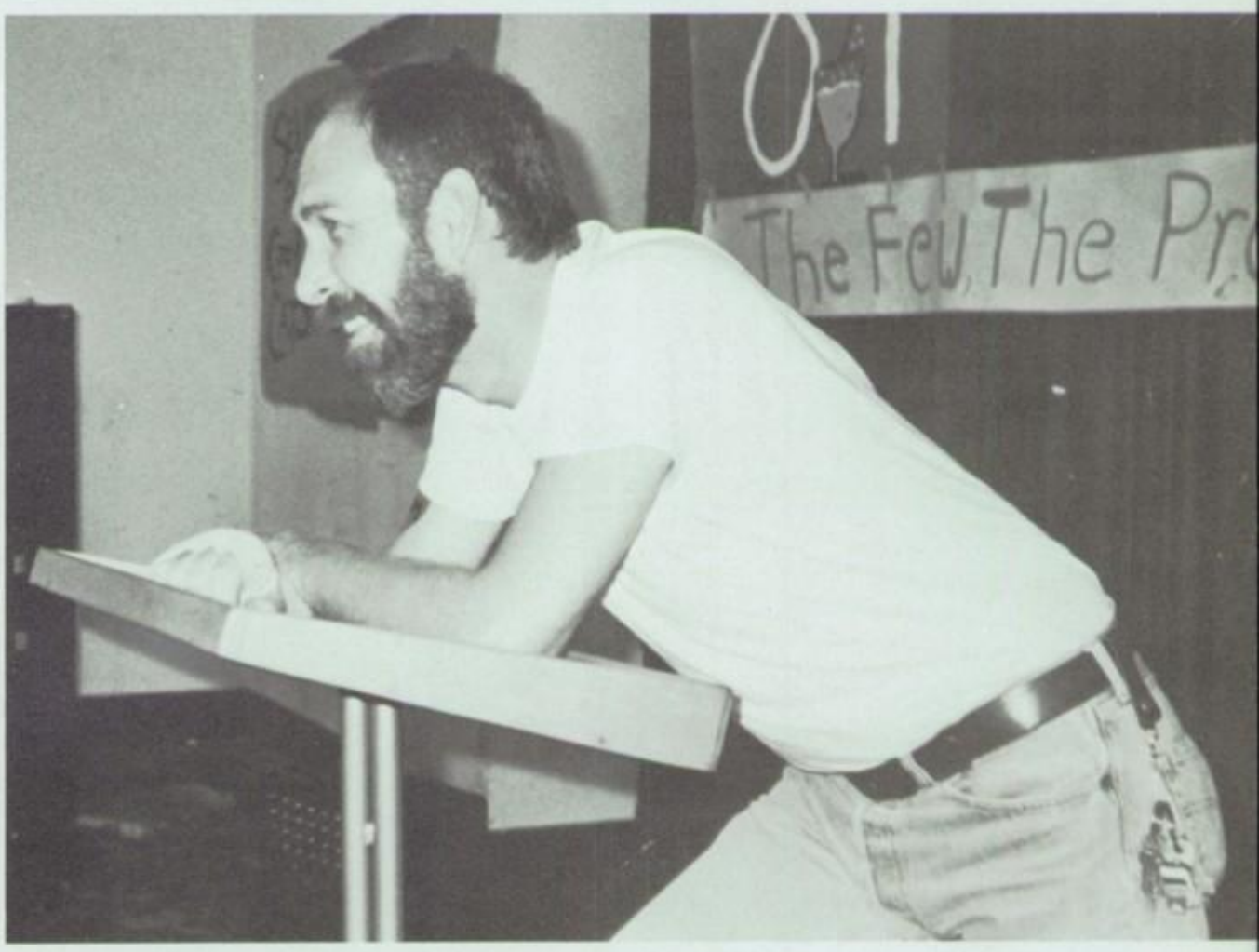


Behind Closed Doors

No matter what scorching temperature the school's thermometer may reach, the faculty lounge doors will remain closed. The closed doors of this room have preserved the exclusiveness of a place where only teachers are allowed. Few students have seen the inside of this one area of the school building where students are not allowed to enter, but are certainly allowed to knock. These few students say that they saw "ditto" machines, chairs and tables, which were littered with stacks of corrected and uncorrected papers, books and coffee mugs. The doors were opened to these students for only a short time. Although the space within these special four walls does not have all the comforts of home it does provide teachers with cubby holes, used to store a teacher's "stuff"; hot water, for tea or coffee; and a bathroom, that is the closest to home that anyone may get. More importantly, this little sanctuary is often the place where dynamic ideas originate or it is a place where a teacher may find a few precious moments of serenity throughout rough school days.

Nancy Coonis
Principal, Religion II, Recordkeeping

Sister Mary Carlann
Vice-Principal, Mission Club Moderator, Religion III,IV

Michele Butorac
Campus Minister, Religion I, III, IV

1. Ms. Butorac takes advantage of a moment for reading. 2. Ms. Gabriel is always willing to help a student in distress. 3. "Just twelve more bars to go, girls. Don't breathe!" 4. Ms. Coonis works her pinkies to the bone checking the school's financial balance. 5. "I know the answer is in here somewhere" thinks Ms. Gancher. 6. Ms. Kiser reviews her notes for her next class.

1. "Don't tell me I have to rewrite the whole paragraph again?" 2. Sr. Carlann points out an over-looked detail. 3. Mr. Hansen explains, with a smile on his face, that an organelle has no relation to an electric organ. 4. All right, she did it! 5. "Say cheese." 6. "Friends, Romans, Geometry students . . . " 7. "Would you please repeat the question?"

Susan Cohen
English II, III

Mrs. Bess Dempsey
Secretary, Registrar

It's Never Too Late To Learn

Lisa Gabriel

Laureate Moderator, Campus Minister, U. S. History, Religion III, IV

Sarah Gancher

Sophomore Moderator, Reading, English I, II, III

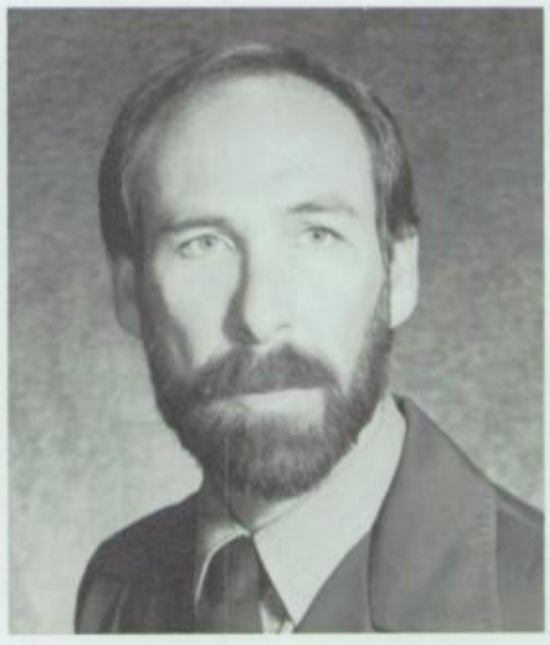
Only the Educated Are Free

1. Ms. Butorac: A Crest user. 2. Singing arouses spiritual unity in church. 3. Ms. Mills explains the importance of further education. 4. "He works hard for the money."

Kathleen Gill
Political Science, Current Events, English I, II

Rogelio Gonzalez
Spanish Club Moderator, Spanish I, II, III, IV

Jeff Hansen
Junior Moderator, Intro. to Science, Biology, Physiology, Cultural Geography



Ed Johnson
Typing I, II

Fran Johnston
Girls Ensemble, Handbells, Chorus

Denise Kiser
Student Council & Cheerleader Moderator, Consumer Math, Geometry, Algebra I, II, Math IV

Sister Mary Lynn
Librarian, JTDA Program

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Strive To Be The Best

Margaret McAllister
Clothing I, II

Mary McLaughlin
English I, III, IV

1. Mrs. McAllister shows Angie the right way to measure a hem. 2. Ms. Gancher is hard at work, counting money. 3. "My mother warned me about days like these." 4. Hark, who goes there! 5. ". . . And then the three bears went for a walk . . . " 6. Ms. Coonis works her pinkies to the bone balancing the school budget.

Knowledge Is The Key To Success

Denise Mills
Counselor, Senior Moderator, Child Growth & Development, Psychology, Career Education

Monique Morad
French II, III, IV

Sister Mary Richardlyn
Freshman Moderator, Pre-Algebra, Geometry, Algebra I

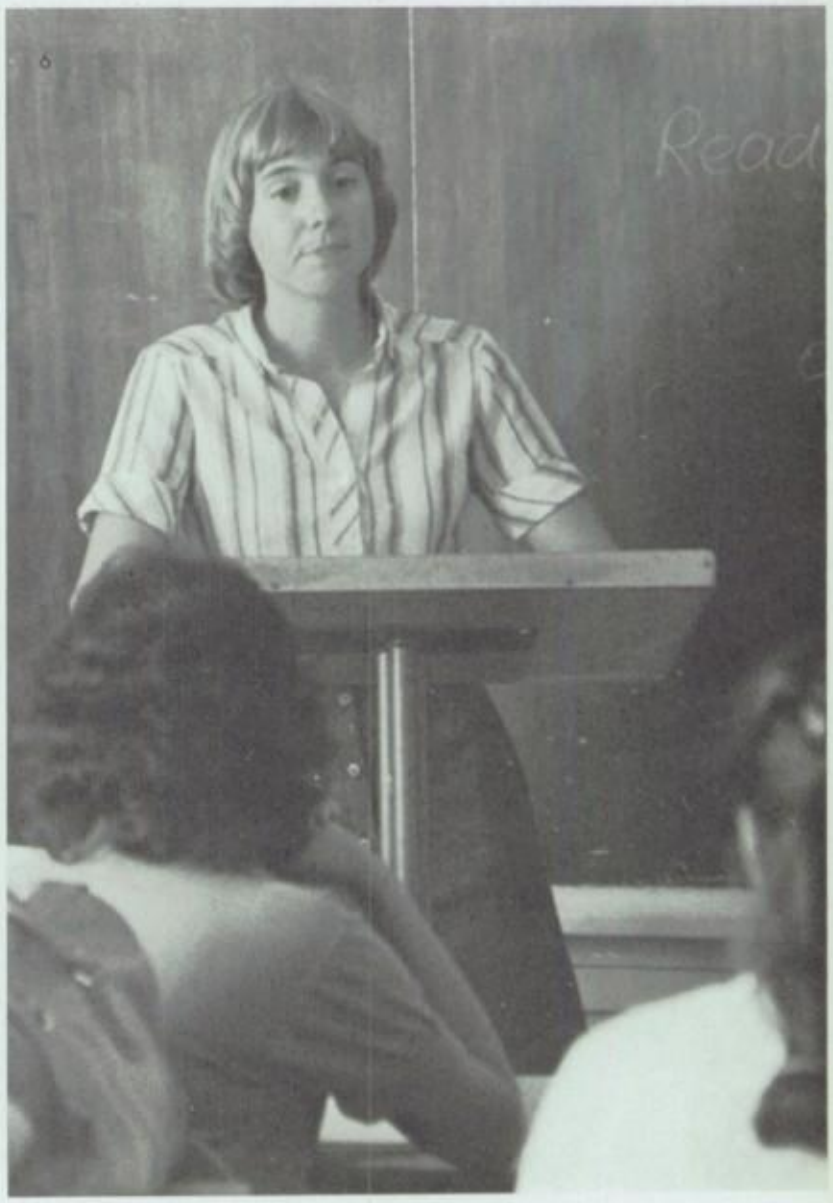
Elizabeth Sinni

GAA & Lettergirl Moderator, P. E., First Aid

Ann Storc

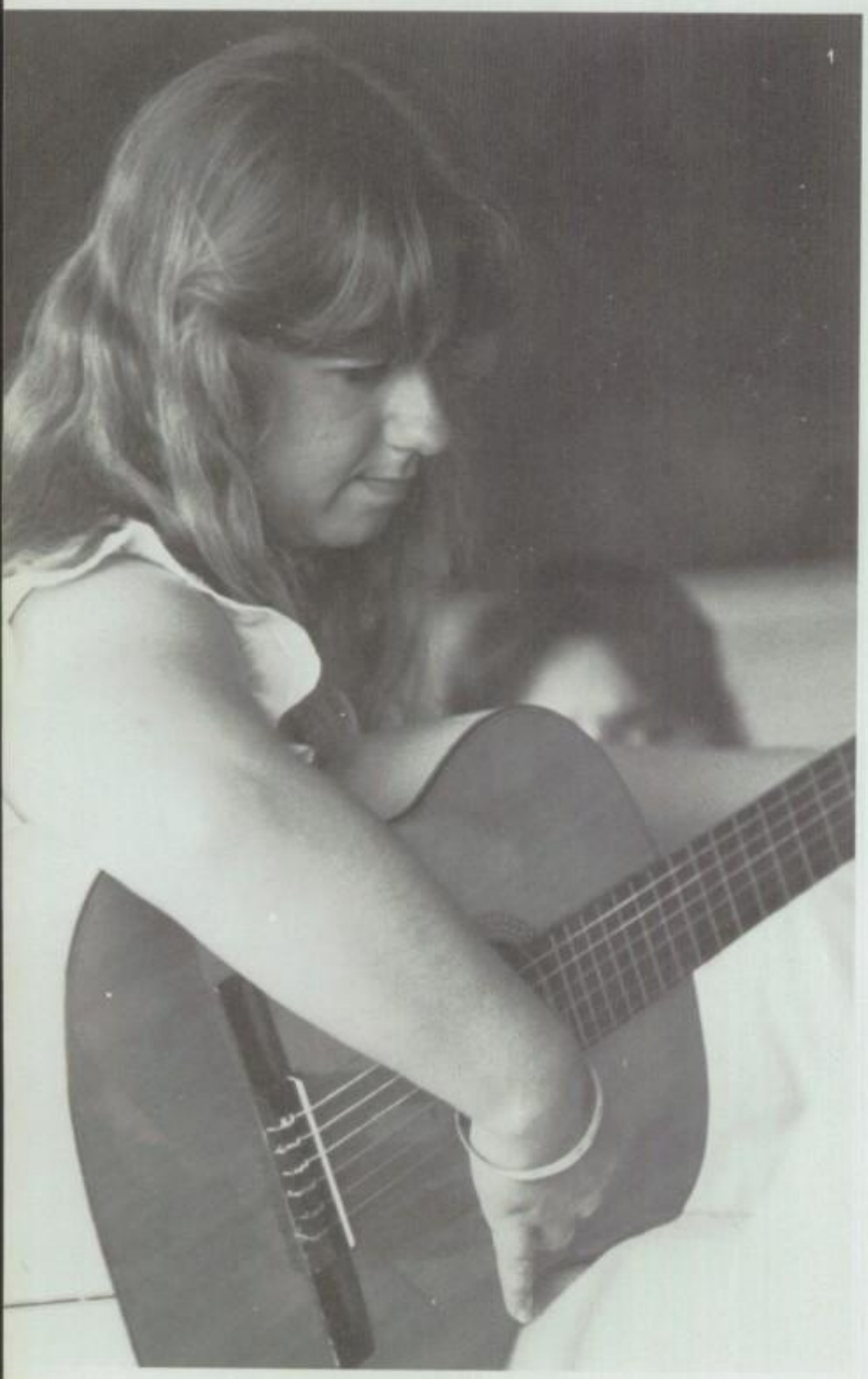
Drama Club Moderator, Media & Methods, Beginning Drawing, Design, Theatre Experience, Arts & Crafts Intermediate Drawing

1. "I thought I saw a penguin . . . I did, I did!" 2. Mr. Gonzalez looks with wonder at the unknown. 3. "Sil vous plait ouvre le livre," commanded Madame Morad. 4. Mrs. Dempsey reads through the many excuses. 5. Are you sure you didn't sew the zipper on the wrong side?" 6. "I think I've swallowed my Life-Saver!"



The Future . . .

If asked to describe the faculty in one word, it would be dedication. Not only does the faculty have to deal with over 300 students in more than just a "student-teacher" relationship, but they also go through a lot of hassels just to get to school. Our teachers come from places as close as Bell, and places as far away as Chatsworth. Some reasons for this determination are explained by Ms. Kiser, who says she enjoys the people she works with as well as the students she teaches. She openly admits ". . . It gets tiring, but it's worth it." The students' reactions to this were those of admiration and great respect. Some said this inspires them to work. This is a very special quality, and we just want to say "thanks".



Belongs to Those Who Prepare

1. A musical moment in a busy day. 2. Sr. Carlann "ain't just whistling Dixie." 3. Ms. Sinni explains to Connie that her hand won't fall off when she hits the volleyball. 4. The 1983-84 faculty members. 5. Ms. Johnston sings along with Canticum Novum. 6. Sr. Richardlyn explains the mathematical process of baking a cake.

CLASSES

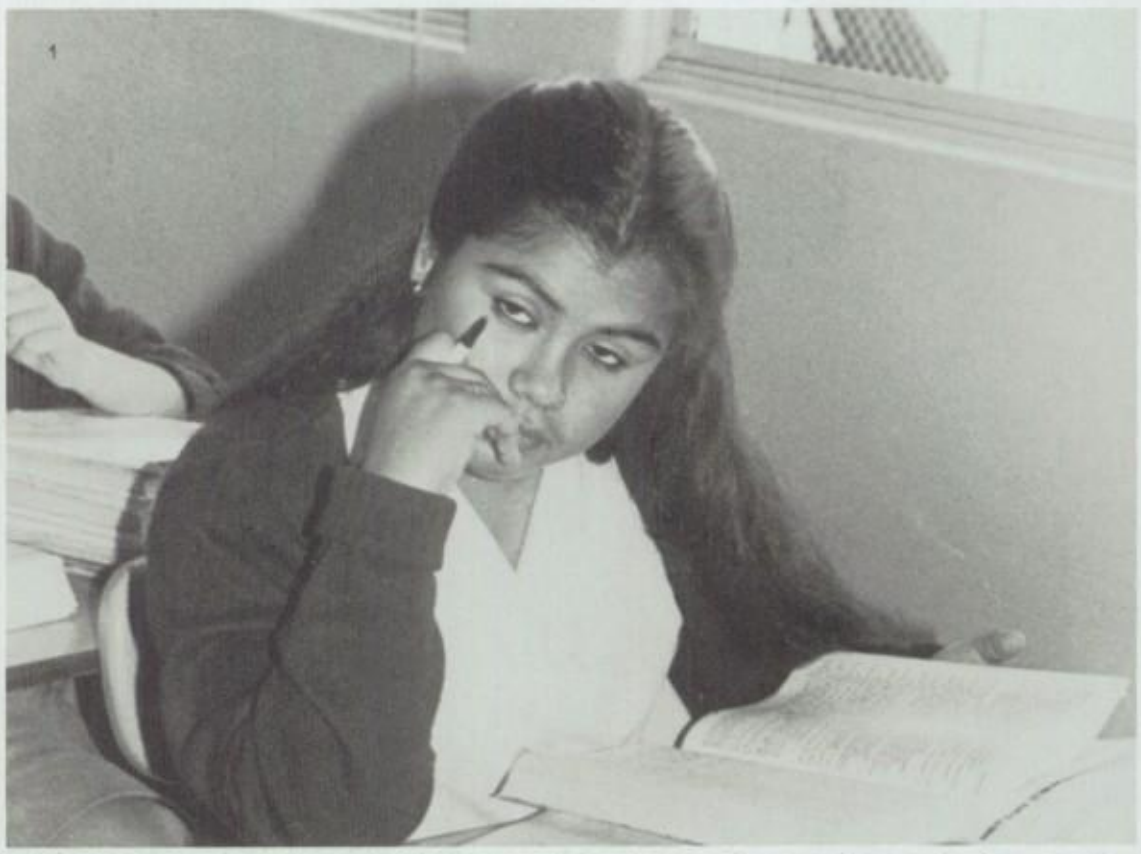
Leaders Of The Pack

The Freshman class officers took on a lot of responsibility. Not only did they have to try to fit in high school life, they also had to try to be effective leaders of their class. Being in a new school means dealing with new people who might or might not agree with you. The Freshman class officers succeeded in getting through those kind of troubles by winning the cooperation of their class and making it through the year together.

1. Lunch is every student's favorite period. 2. Newly adopted as a little sister, Yvonne Flores feels more loved than a Cabbage Patch Kid. 3. From Left to right: Homeroom Rep., Elvia Munoz, Pres., Angelica Villarreal, Moderator, Sister Richardlynn, Vice Pres., Gloria Vasquez, Sec./Treas., Irma Acevedo, Homeroom Rep., Magdalena Almora. 4. "Wouldn't you like to buy a raffle ticket to win this beautiful, musical lamp?" 5. Maria Delgado and Virginia De La Torre are partners in the lunchyard as well as in homeroom. 6. Because she forgot her Bible, Nereida Saenz must pay extra close attention in Religion Class. 7. "What! Five hundred more?" 8. Laura Mora and Elvia Munoz are hard at work. 9. Mary Lena Noriega finds Bible study particularly inspiring.

Orientation

With freshly pressed uniforms, the Freshmen stepped on campus. There was a newness in every Freshman's face that reflected a desire to belong and to adopt Saint Matthias as her alma mater. This process began with Ms. Coonis' welcoming words that eased some unsteady nerves among the Freshmen crowd. In room 10, which served as a book bank, the process continued with a gathering of books, and Sister Richardlynn was there to help and welcome each Freshman with a smile. The process wasn't so painful. It was the first taste of Saint Matthias that the Freshmen received, and it was a welcoming experience.



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Ofelia Aguilar
Maggie Almora
Angela Anderson
Maria Avila
Irma Banuelos

Aimee Berrios
Danielle Brown
Georgina Caballero
Linda Cabrera
Connie Campos
Daisy Campos

Mercedes Cano
Rachel Carmona
Arcelia Castellanos
Francisca Cocoa
Sandra Cordero
Virginia De La Torre

Maria Delgado
Gracie Enriquez
Patricia Escobedo
Lolette Fields
Maria Figueroa
Susan Flores

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1. I don't think I can stay awake through 2nd period. 2. Mercy Cano is as happy as can be - It's Friday! 3. "Do you mean to tell me I have to do the lessons over again?"

Yvonne Flores
Carmen Garcia
Toni Garner
Angelica Gomez
Connie Gomez
Maritza Gomez

Delia Gregoria
Irma Gutierrez
Madona Hall
Linda Harris
Tammi Henderson
Luz Hernandez

Roxana Herrera
Veronica Jimenez
Germaine Kasparian
Gabriela Lucio
Antonia Maciel
Jovita Martinez

Maria Martinez
Alma Moreno
Elvia Munoz
Sandra Muro
Mary Noriega
Alma Orozco

Little Things Count Too

Although Freshmen are the "babies" of the family, they play a very important role in benefiting us all. When people first think of Freshmen, they think about "little shy people" for upperclasswomen to pick on, but in reality they're symbols. They can stand for things such as how the times have changed, or what kind of changes are still to come. Freshmen are given a brand new start in high school, and they can make anything they want out of it. Freshmen are new people, with new ideas, and new standards. In essence they can make tomorrow a little better for us all. Freshmen may be "little", but they sure do mean a lot.

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1. After this lunch, I'm really looking forward to that Alka-Seltzer. 2. "How many times do I have to tell you not to eat that stuff, Yvonne." 3. "Listen Virginia, I have three tests to study for, two chapters to read, take my cat to the veterinarian and you asked me if I'm busy tonight?" 4. Psalm 123 proves to be an inspiring part of Scripture for Arcelia Castellanos. 5. Madona Hall does not find her math class to be a "Ho - li - da - ay." 6. Martha Ortega indulges in a moment of concentration. 7. "So that's where I left my lunch last week". 8. Larry? Moe? Curly? The three together: Maria Avila, Yvonne Flores, & Elvia Munoz. 9. Maria Avila explains that no matter what the umpire said, what the important thing is that the Dodgers won. 10."Don't worry", Connie Campos says, "we'll make it through Freshmen year." 11. On Spirit Day, the Freshmen converted room 101 into the Spirit Bakery. One of the head slicers was Maria Dolores Figueroa.

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Starting Over

For Freshmen, coming to high school is a new beginning. Coming to a new school, and meeting new friends is just a start. There's also many different activities to experience, and new rules and standards to adjust to. It's just like starting over. When asked how they deal with these changes, most Freshmen said, " . . . I just take it day by day." So far it seems to be the best way, because a new beginning is always hard.

Guadalupe Ortega
Martha Ortega
Bertha Pacheco
Sandy Patel
Lorena Peinado
Susie Quintero

Sonia Ramirez
Gabriela Rangel
Veronica Rendon
Carolina Ronchetta
Lori Rubio
Nereida Saenz-Rojas

Maximina Sahagun
Carmen Salgado
Leticia Sanchez
Monica Sanchez
Monica M. Sanchez
Carmel Serna

Mario Soto
Leticia Tovar
Araceli Urtta
Jackie Valdez
Lisa Vargas
Gloria Vasquez

1. After six weeks, Tammy Henderson is caught with an overdue library book and doesn't believe she has to pay a $10.00 fine. 2. Selling tickets for the Mission Club raffle became a pastime at lunch for Irma Banuelos and Irma Acevedo who seem to be missing their food. 3. One way Freshmen are showing that they can draw attention, (and also get demerits) is blocking the stairway to the library for a whole lunch period. 4. Part of a high school student's life is learning how many objects could be stuffed in a locker and still be kept intact as Aimee Berrios and Mercedes Cano demonstrate. 5. "Stop scratching my toes! I can't take it any longer!" exclaims Madona Hall.

Elizabeth Vasquez
Migdalia Vasquez
Angelica Villarreal
Martha Villarreal

Saquenta Williams
Anna Zuniga

Big-Sister, Little-Sister Party

The biggest task of planning such a memorable event as the Big Sister-Little Sister Party is getting everyone to agree on a theme. The Junior class faced this task and handled it the democratic way, with a vote. "Toga" was chosen from the many possible themes. The Juniors decided to dress in sheets, to eat grapes, to wear garlands in their hair and to have the *Ben Hur* soundtrack lending the atmosphere of Roman Times to a Greek Toga Party. The party was different, but original. It showed class spirit and organization, but most of all it had the largest amount of smiles on record.

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1. Freshmen as well as Juniors felt that the Toga Party was a success. 2. "Meet my two new friends!" 3. Virginia De la Torre thanks her big sister, Belinda Jimenez, for an enjoyable meal. 4. Elvia Munoz and Petra Gameros show that three is not a crowd but a special bond and Leo the lion is their gesture of friendship. 5. Elvia Munoz exclaims, "Hey, this sandwich is pretty good. Who made it?" 6. "It's wonderful to be here. It's certainly a thrill! We'd love to take you home with us . . . " 7. Tammy Henderson wishes the Toga Party could've lasted longer. 8. Freshmen assemble in the courtyard to watch what appears to be a fascinating Pep Rally. 9. The feast, Greek Style, is shown here at its best. 10. Maritza Gomez slices her favorite gift to share with everyone — a cake.

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Thinking About The Future

The future is a part of everyone's life that all must confront. We must look to the future with a sense of assurance and hope. Only then will we prevail in our desired goals. No matter who or what you are, everyone has the potential to succeed. Whether as a doctor or musician, if people set their minds and energy to a task, they can soon realize their dreams. Ambition and determination aid people to struggle and win. God made us all fighters - not quitters. If we fail at a task we must never surrender. We make our future; we are the future.

1. Heeeere's Rosalinda! 2. Sophomore moderator and officers: Vice-Pres., Ernestina Felix; Pres., Marisol Gomez; Reps., Debbie Noriega, Claudia Atilano, Maria Fimbres; Sec., Georgina De La Torre; Treas., Patty Luna. 3. While Lilian and Lisa are thinking of tomorrow, Charlotte is working on today. 4. Maria Avias daydreams of a successful future. 5. Evelyne Sanchez studied so hard last night, that she hardly slept. 6. Carmen Zavala and Sandra De Leon think of the tough game ahead of them. 7. Corina Lopez wonders whether the key to success could actually be knowledge. 8. Vicky Reyes greets her friends with a smile.

Sophomores

Maria Arias

Christine Arisa

Claudia Atilano

Rosas Banuelos

Martha Bazua

Gloria Becerra

Hilda Buenrostro

Celia Campos

Virginia Cave

Lucy Chavez

Latrice Clark

Monica Corona

Gabriela Curry

Celina Curry

Angelica De La Torre

Georgina De La Torre

Sandra Deleon

Mayra Dequesada

Stacy Dobbins

Grisel Domingo

Sandra Figeroa

Ernestina Felix

Maria Fimbres

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1. The Sophomores always look up to their Big Sisters, the Class of '84. 2. Elizabeth Sanchez dances to every song that is played, but she doesn't seem to be enjoying this one. 3. Georgina seems to be having much more fun than her partner. 4. "Are you staring at me"? asks Maria Arias.

Sophomores

Viviana Flores
Mirza Fonseca
Norma Fonseca
Leyla Garcia
Lourdes Garcia

Veronica Garcia
Martha Godinez
Marisol Gomez
Maryann Gonzales
Sandra Guevara
Rosalyn Hawkins

Susana Hermosillo
Luz Hernandez
Elvira Herrera
Emma Herrera
Dania Leon
Lillian Leon

Lisa Llamas
Corina Lopez
Marcela Lopez
Patty Luna
Marquez Olden
Charlotte Martinez

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1. Elvira Herrera, Gabriela Curry and Vicky Reyes treat their big sisters to a lunch complete with music during Spirit Week. 2. Carmen Zavala shares her Big Sister-Little Sister experiences with Freshman, Virginia De La Torre. 3. Funk dancing was one of the few activities the Sophomores watched rather than participated in. 4. As Stacy Dobbins praised the Lord, Conny DeAnda completes her assignment on the Gospels.

Adventure Through Participation

The class of "86" is one multicolored group of individuals that has many interests and activities. Throughout the school year many Sophomores could be seen participating in the music and art departments, clubs, drama, and school drives. The Sophomores have especially excelled in school drives. One memorable homeroom at the top of the chocolate drive sales list was the homeroom that worked especially hard to bring in the most money in the shortest time. The Sophomore spirit of participation also showed through in food drives, drives that helped the needy. That enabled the Sophomores to add to the laughter and smiles, before, during, and after school, come rain or shine. The one word to describe the Sophomores then is potpourri. It simply means a mixture of fragrant flowers that adds to any occasion.

5. Ernestina Feliz and Maria Fimbres are taking an active part in Student Council activities as they tape candy canes to Santa Grams. 6. Caught in the middle of the action, Vicky Reyes laughs nervously as she plans her escape. 7. Mrs. Storc catches the Sophomores' attention with her interesting Drama Club announcements. 8. Virginia Moreno thinks about her school day as she waits for her ride home.

Sophomores

Maria Martinez

Sandra Martinez

Sandra Martinez

Viola Mason

Laura Mora

Virginia Moreno

Launna Najera

Giovanna Naranjo

Olga Navarro

Debbie Noriega

Maria Ortega

Diana Paredes

Benita Pena

Annette Perez

Mercy Planas

Katherine Porter

Connie De Anda

Lourdes Quesada

Laura Ramirez

Veronica Ruiz

Maribel Ramirez

Laura Reyes

Vicky Reyes

Belinda Rodriguez

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Sophomores

Mercedes Rodriguez
Ofelia Rodriguez
Adriana Romero
Cynthia Rosero
Margarita Ruiz
Elizabeth Salgado

Elizabeth Sanchez
Evelyne Sanchez
Sonia Sanchez
Isabel Serna
Paula Shaw
Gladys Sicre

Alma Tavarez
Theresa Tiznado
Elvira Torrez
Imelda Tovar
Amber Vallardolio
Maria Vasquez

Rosalinda Vasquez
Pamela Verdi
Carmen Zavala
Allison Zevallos

1. Debbie Noriega seems pretty busy reading the card she received from her big sister 2. Rosalinda, Imelda and Laura display the beautiful dolls they received for Chrsitmas. 3. Giovanna Naranjo can find time to relax after school. 4. "Anybody care for some lunch?" asks Mayra de Quesada.

1. Maria seems to be enjoying herself with her friends. 2. "Come on and freak," says Evelyn. 3. Pilar Aguero has the honor of crowning Her Highness, Claudia Atilano. 4. Charlotte Martinez shows that spirit is a long tradition with the Sophomore class. 5. Alexandrina Martinez asks, "Do we have to play this game again?" 6. The class of "86" has as much spirit this year as they did last year. 7. Latrice Clark models a beautiful costume, which she prepared, displaying her talent in costume design.

Spirit Week

On the last day of the Spirit Week activities, an unexpected victory took place: the sophomores brought in the most aluminum cans for the Student Council Aluminum Can Drive. The Class of '86, the dark horse class of the school, surprised everyone on the last day of the drive when three whole trash cans were filled with the cans the Class of '86 had worked hard to gather. How was it done? Sophomores busied themselves with the search for aluminum in the lunchyard, in giant metal garbage cans, in people's homes, and in the streets. In the end, every Sophomore's efforts paid off: The Sophomores tasted victory in the form of money. Every penny earned from the drive went directly to the Sophomore treasury, which proves that hard work definitely pays off.

Convergence

Cross over to rooms 109, 106, and 10 at 8:22 in the morning, and you will find the noisiest group in the school listening to morning homeroom announcements. Besides being the noisiest class in school, the Junior class is also the largest. It is the only class that fills three entire homerooms. The class' size is its strength as the class proved in the Spirit Day activities in September. "It was great. I felt like a spirit leader the whole time," said Junior mascot Goofy (alias Diana Bueno), one of the loudest Juniors around. Diana, along with other spirited Juniors, led the class to victory, winning the Spirit Stick for the third consecutive year.

1. "I love Ba-nan-a," says Kim Stevenson. 2. Is this a hint as to what Virginia Gallo does in her spare time? 3. "No, you're doing it wrong," corrects Olivia Rodriguez. 4. Helping each other brings unity to the Junior class. 5. Concentration is the solution to any math equation. 6. "Did you call me?" asks Grace Escobar. 7. The Junior class officers: Sec./Treas., Rosie Brunasso; Hmrm. Rep., Eleanor Rivera and Kim Stevenson; Vice-Pres., Rosemary Flores; Hmrm. Rep., Ngoc Nguyen; Pres., Christina Cabrera. 8. "I am so glad to represent the Class of '85," says Goofy.

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Juniors

Junior year is important to everyone, especially to the Class of '85. It's one of the moments they were waiting for. Junior year also means making decisions, and taking on more responsibilities. Some decisions that faced the Class of '85 were picking little sisters, class colors, class rings, and Senior sweaters. These were all important facets of becoming upperclasswomen. Academic stability was also important, and to get this started, Juniors took the P. S. A. T. test. This is just one of the many obstacles that had to be overcome, especially if college is in the future. As Isabel Carram put it, "Junior year is the hardest so far." It can't be said that there was nothing fun about Junior year. There were the dances and the Junior-Senior Prom to look forward to. The Class of '85 met all the decisions and the responsibilities head on, and once again have come out fine. If anything resulted from Junior year it was the lessons learned. Diana Marquez remarked, "Junior year teaches people to face the reality of life."

Josefina Aguero
Guillermina Aguilar
Marylou Alcala
Beatrice Anaya
Marguerite Arias
Kim Arnold

Rosa Arriaga
Ann Marie Ayers
Guadalupe Banderas
Gabriela Barajas
Camilla Bridges
Rosie Brunasso

Diana Bueno
Cristina Cabrera
Eva Campos
Sandra Caro
Isabel Carram
Janet Castillo

Margarita Ceja
Marisela Chavez
Lupe Cisneros
Elizabeth Colon
Maria Curiel
Olga De La Torre

Onelia De Quesada
Paulina Diaz
Laura Diego
Anna Dominguez
Blanca Dominguez
Patricia Duarte

Carmen Elenes
Grace Escobar
Carmen Espindola
Diana Fernandez
Frances Fernandez
Rosemary Flores

Laura Fonseca
Virginia Gallo
Petra Gameros
Carmen Garcia
Martha Gomez
Adriana Gonzalez

Julie Hernandez
Nancy Hernandez
Ana Jimenez
Belinda Jimienez
Griselda Lemus
Laura Lucero

1. Blanca Dominguez is really into her Womanhood class, but what about Maria Martinez? 2. Church class can really become a hectic course, but Laura Fonseca doesn't seem confused. 3. Making sure that she'll do well on her test, Monica Navarro goes over her notes.

"Never Alone"

When Junior year comes along, a girl feels ready to conquer the world. It all happens with effort, a bit of luck and a little help from her friends. The Class of '85 is one class that never lacked its supply of friends. Together as friends helping friends, the Class of '85 has maintained an undying spirit that is reflected in one union of friendship. It all began with winning the Spirit Stick and continued with the class retreats and winning the Spirit Stick again as a result of good organization. High school can be surprising, but with the confidence provided by supportive friends, it becomes less fearsome and easier to conquer.

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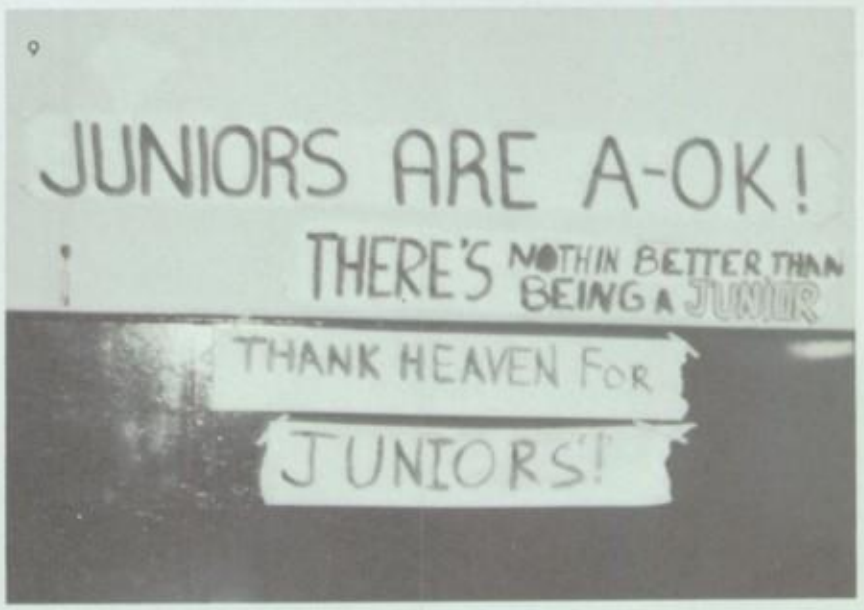

1. We stand proud once again. 2. Virginia Gallo shows her true colors. 3. Once again, as in Sophomore year, the Juniors of today give their all. 4. Did you want me to sing it again? 5. Carmen Elenes shows her true ambition in life. 6. How was that for spirit? 7. What can it be that entices Kim Arnold's smile? 8. These three Juniors are very happy about winning the Spirit Stick. 9. Part of the Spirit Stick victory is making eye-catching posters.

Juniors

Lupe Marquez

Maria Martinez

Sharon Martinez

Yolanda Molina

Martha Moreno

Gladys Naranjo

Norma Nava

Monica Navarro

Ngoc Nguyen

Janet Olguin

Sandra Olivas

Sagrario Orihuela

Sonia Pacheco

Sherri Parker

Lorraine Palestro

Maria Ponce

Gloria Ramirez

Lorena Ramirez

1. "Hey baby," says Carmen Garcia. 2. "Were you talking to me?" asks Janet Olguin. 3. Rosie Brunasso is wasting no time gathering up her things before the bell rings. 4. Olga De La Torre is very happy about her new outfit.

Juniors

Eleanor Rivera
Yvette Rivera
Martha Rodriguez
Olivia Rodriguez
Gloria Rosas
Marisa Santos

Bertha Sevilla
Lisa Smith
Patricia Soria
Kim Stevenson
Ehiby Vargas
Maive Vasquez

Sandra Velasco
Martha Villegas
Marjorie Zevallos

Not Pictured:
Sandra Jones
Lorena Lopez
Diana Marquez
Sylvia Ornelas
Elena Rayo

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Looking Forward

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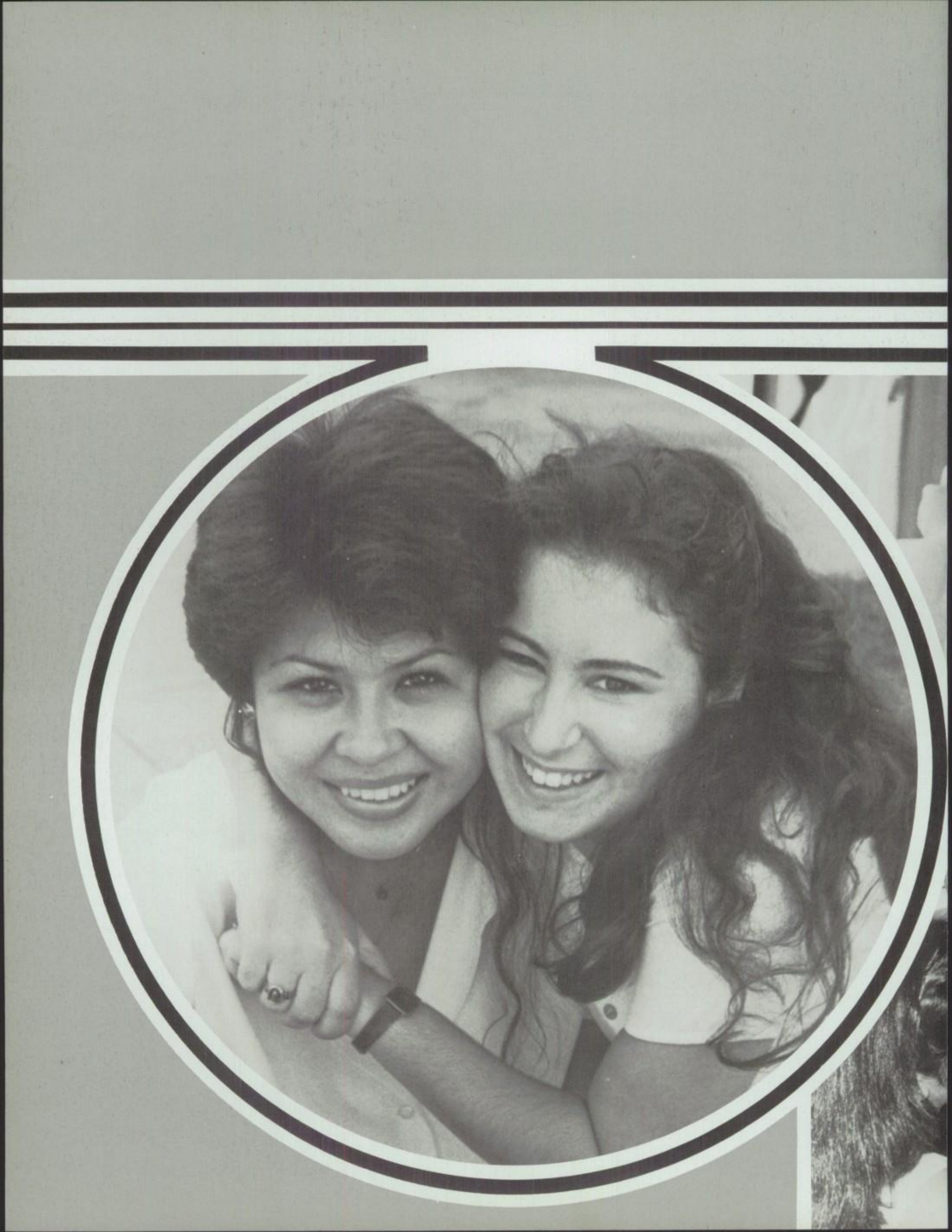
1. Is she photogenic, "or what"? 2. Unsupervised, honest Maria Curiel finishes her test without any use of her notes. 3. I'm looking forward to being a fashion coordinator! 4. Adriana keeps her eyes on her own book. 5. Knowing the correct measurements can be very helpful. 6. Watch out, Marylin Monroe! 7. Virginia Gallo moves to the beat of the music. 8. I was doing one hundred m. p. h. easy! 9. What could be the object captivating the attention of these Juniors?



GRADUATES

Seniors

Here all seniors are equal. Their day begins at 7:45 am. Their eyes are tired from staying up too late last night doing homework. They stumble into the bathroom in the hopes of finding their daily stamina. Then they discover they have ten minutes until the school bell rings. With curlers still in hair, and breakfast drink in hand, these girls run out of their houses, true to the punctual spirit of the class of '84.

Maria Ledesma
A.S.B. President "When all is one, and one is all, to be a rock and not to roll" Led Zeppelin

Rosa Garcia
A.S.B. Vice President A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Lao-Tzu

Elena Viera
A.S.B. Secretary "Strive to achieve"

1. "What do you think of the first day of school?" asks Rosalva Escobedo. "Don't bother me, Rosalva, I'm in the middle of a dream," retorts Claudia Fernandez. 2. "Love them apples," shouts Gabriela Hernandez.

Claudia Fernandez
Senior Class President "New York, New York, big city of dreams."

Rosalva Escobedo
Senior Vice President Thanks to my family and friends for their support. I love you all!

Bertha Rangel
Senior Treasurer Master of your own destiny, so give and take the best that you can. Triumph

Cynthia Vartanian
Senior Secretary Thanks mom for everything.

Martha Noriega
Senior Representative The great thing in life is not where you stand, But where you're going

Yolanda Villasenor
Senior Representative Thanks mom and dad for giving me support through the years

Anna Ortega
G.A.A. President Papa y mama, los amo, gracias. Martin, my love, Thank You!

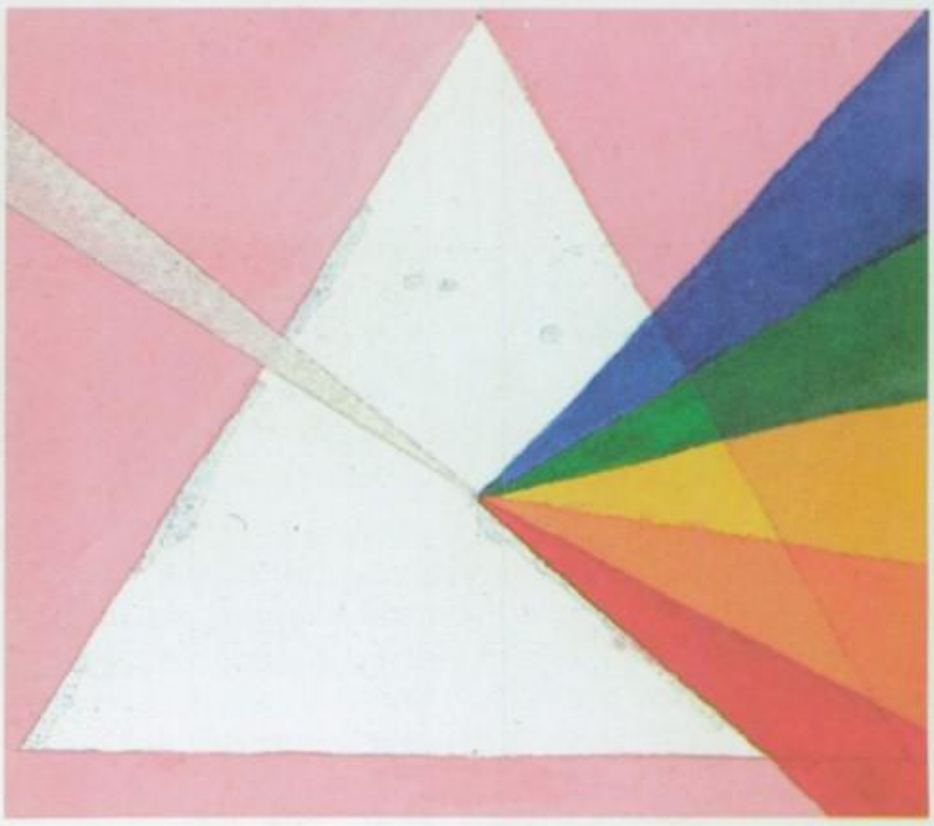
Kathleen Vela
Drama Club President Dad and mom, words cannot express how much I love you.

Guadelupe Austin
Spanish Club President Thanks mom and dad for your love and support. I love you. (84 K.A.)

Susan Martinez
Head Cheerleader

Pilar Aguero
Yearbook Editor A mis padres, mi amor, respeto y admiracion.

Sylvia Rodriguez
Yearbook Co-Editor . . . So dawn goes down to day . . . Nothing gold can stay. - R. Frost



SMH's Seniors: More than

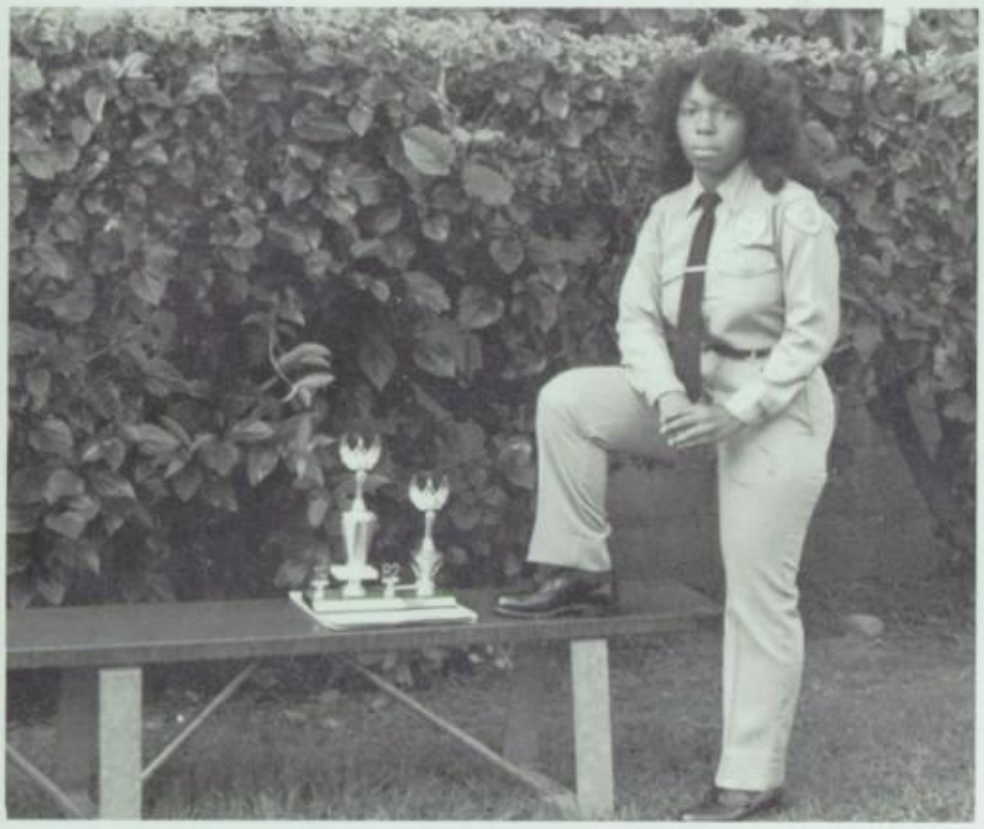
Anabel Castro is considered one of the best artists in school. She has taken several classes in the subject, which have contributed greatly in the development of her talent. She has also participated in outside activities with her drawing. She has entered two contests, one in which she was awarded second prize. Like most artists, she has a favorite subject she enjoys drawing: Adam Ant. Anabel has done numerous drawings of him and says, "I will continue to do more as long as I have the ability to do so."

Kristi Martin, alias "Krazy K" posesses a talent that is considered special: Dancing. At the age of twelve, through observation and strenuous practice, her love of dancing emerged. She specializes in pop and has earned the reputation of being excellent at it. When asked why she enjoys dancing so much, she said, "I was born to dance."

Every weekday except Wednesday, Rosa Garcia is seen rushing through the halls and out of the school door en route to Senator Art Torres' office in downtown Los Angeles. There she enjoys two hours as a volunteer. Rosa explains, "It's like a family." Her job is helping constitutents who seek social service and other clerical work.

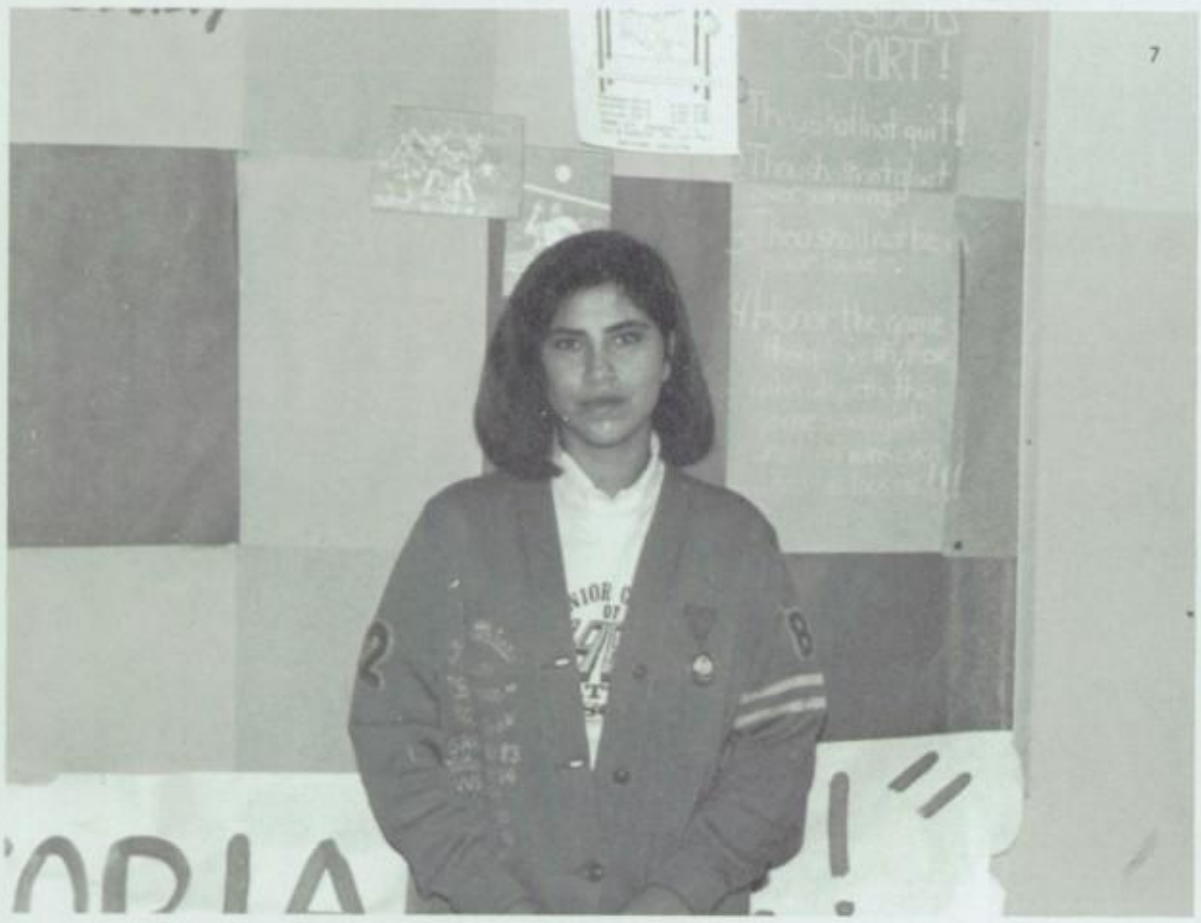
Elena Viera has had little experience in public speaking, but in it she has excelled. Last year she participated in a speech contest on the topic: "Nuclear Use or Misuse". She enjoys public speaking because, "It's a way to express my opinions more freely." For many people it is hard to be composed in front of a large group of people, but composure for Elena is not difficult to achieve.

Meets the Eye



Adventure in dangerous careers attracts many people. One such person is Shimberly McKinney, who is currently an Explorer for the Police Department in the Southwest area. She started as an Explorer recruit in August of 1982, and is currently a full-fledged Explorer, or E-2 as they are officially called. She has earned two trophies. In her future are college and the Police Academy.

It has been eight years since Adriana Perez took her first piano lesson and, unexpectedly she admits, "I hated piano - anything that had to do with music." Adriana has since changed her views on playing the piano and feels that it has become her way to express herself. She began her lessons at the East L.A. Conservatory of Music and has taken private lessons at Cal State L.A. She has one first prize at a talent show sponsored by the Women's Guild.



Anna Ortega, with bandaged knee and lettergirl sweater, obviously stands out as an injured athlete. Anna enjoys a tough game and won't allow an injury such as this to interfere. Her knee was injured while diving for a ball. As G.A.A. President she also has responsibility. As Anna said, "I enjoy striving to win."

Kathy Vela, St. Matthias' premier actress, is a level-headed young lady who appreciates the advantages of going to a Catholic school. When she came here she began to realize her deep interest in drama. When asked about the sort of things that being at St. Matthias has taught her she said, "It's taught me to be reliable and how to make rehearsal on time."

Viva La Femme!

Sandra Arceo
Thank you uncle, sisters, and Julio for being at my side.

Lisa Armijo
Thanks for all your support mom and grandparents.

Renee Banks
Thanks mom, dad, and family for sticking with me through my H.S. years

Ana Banuelos
Thanks mom, dad, Ramond, Martha, and Robert for all your support. Love you

Rocio Barba
Thanks mom and dad for the happiness and support.

Samantha Brinkley
Yesterday-defeat; Today-challenge; Tomorrow-success

Jeannine Buchanan
To my family and parents, thank you for all you've done.

Dina Byon
The moment of my senior year was short, but the memory will live forever.

Miriam Canales
Gracias mami y papi. Robert, thanks for being there.

Hilda Cano
Thank you mom for all the support you gave me through my HS. years.

Anabel Castro
All of those who get to know me become my admirers or enemies.

Maria Chavez
Thanks mom and dad, couldn't have made without you.

Cecilia Colon
I made it! Thanks mom and pop

Lisa Contreras
Thanks mom and dad for everything.

Lizeth Degado
Thanks to my parents and friends, for making my 3 yrs. at SMH worth it.

Marlene Diaz
Thanks mom, dad, and Mandi for all the time and attention you've given me.

Alma Flores
I made it! Special thanks to mom, dad, Sand, Andy, and my friends. Love u all.

Nancy Garcia
Mami y Papi gracias! Con todo su carino comprendo la vida real.

Serenia Garcia
Yesterday we grew, today we bloom.

Martha Garibalde
God sends us on paths we don't choose for he can see beyond the horizon.

Leticia Gomez
Mom, I appreciate all the support you've given me through my HS yrs.

Linda Guerrier
Thank you mom and dad for standing behind me, you mean the world to me.

Friends

The smiles that started, and grew over the years.
The touching moments that were shared with tears.
It started at St. Matthias long ago,
and from then on it continued to grow.
It is something that will never end,
and that's the beauty shared between friends.

1. Wait a minute! I'm not supposed to be in this picture. 2. Happiness is . . . sharing your best moments in life with a friend. 3. "Wait 'til I tell you what happened at the dance." 4. "Life is hard," confides Soledad Hurtado to Clotilde Serrano. 5. "Are you sure today is Friday?" inquires Cecilia Colon. 6. Everyone seems to be asleep, except Ramona Torres.

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1. Well! What do you know! They're looking for our picture. 2. "What?! You forgot to do your homework again?!" 3. "Meow!" purr Jackie Morejon aod Nancy Garcia. 4. After struggling through four periods, lunch refreshes the mind. 5. Reading relaxes the soul. 6. "I made it to the top!" exclaims Ramona Torres. 7. Happiness is . . . having a best friend.

Seniors Show Class

Lety Ruelas wonders if the sneakers were purchased at Thom McAn or Fayva.

Martha Hermosillo
I'd like to thank my family and my friends for being around.

Gabriela Hernandez
Thanks mom and Leo for all the support you've given. I really love u.

Soledad Hurtado
Gracias papa y mama por a verme ayudado a terminar mis estudios de HS

Margaret Keel
Dear aunt Sherma and family, we have the greatest love of all! Thank you.

Sonia Lopez
Thanks mom and dad. Class of 1984 rules.

Kristi Martin
Thanks mom and dad. "Love and my best friend"

Shimberly McKinney
Thanks mom, "Love and my best friend."

Martina Mendoza
"The gang is the future . . . Stop us if you can!" Class of 1984 forever

Yvette Monzano
Mom, thanks for everything. I love you Jesse for being there.

Liz Modesto
Thanks mom and dad for supporting me through these precious yrs. at SMH.

Martha Molina
Thank you mom and dad for giving me the best. I love you.

Morna Moran
"I'll be there"

Jackie Morejon
Mami y papi, gracias por todo. Que Dios lo tenga siempre a mi lado

Lisa Moreno
Thanks mom for these four wonderful years.

Cynthia Muro
Thanks for your love and help mom and dad. "Gang," thanks for your support.

1. Girls gather as Susana Ybarra explains Einstein's Theory of Relativity. 2. Maria Ledesma asks, "Is this for the cover of Seventeen?"

Maria Pena
Gracias mama, papa y hermanos por hacer posible me sueno.

Marie Peralta
Thanks mom, I made it.

Adriana Perez
You only live once, but if you live right once is enough!

Fay Purcell
Live your dreams

A Memory Will Never Fade

1. "To drink or not to drink?" "That is the question" asked by Dina Byon. 2. A favorite Senior Priviledge, snoozing between classes in the Senior Courtyard. 3. "Hey Hilda, you better give me a piece of your cake." say her friends. 4. I just love crowds! 5. Mmm, Mmm Good! 6. Seniors show exuberant spirit in selling their Laureate Ads. 7. We've Got Spirit!!!

Remember When . . .

Maria Ledesma, A.S.B. President, forgot the Pledge of Allegiance?
We dressed up as cats for Dress-Up Day?
We joined together to sing "We work hard for the stick"?
We almost did not make the 100% mark for Senior color pictures?
Martha Garibalde dressed up for Spirit Day as our Senior mascot, Garfield?
Mr. Finnegan's "Hiiii" while posing for pictures?
The trip to Arco Plaza and the Bonaventure?

Seniors Await Tomorrow —

Lorena Quintana
Gracias Mami y Papi.

Maria Ramos
Thanks mom and David for all your support through my 4 yrs. of H.S.

Tracy Ransom
Thanks mom for all your love, support and patience at SMH.

Anna Rodriguez
Thanks mom & dad for all you've given me throughout the yrs. Love always.

Arisbel Rodriguez
Gracias mami y papi por ayudarme en estos cuatro anos de HS.

Erika Rodriguez
Looks like I made it Martha. Love ya kido #20.

Sonia Rodriguez
Para mis padres. Les doy muchas gracias por todo su amor, carino.

Sharon Rogers
I love you mom and dad and friends. God bless you.

Maria Chin Romo
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Mariella Rosero
Thanks mom and dad for all your love and for being there when I need you.

Leticia Ruelas
Thanks to all my friends "The Gang" for making my 3 yrs at SMH worth while

A New Beginning.

Carmen Sanchez
Gracias mamita y papito por todo. Los quiero mucho.

Maria Santiago
Mom and dad, thanks for everything, which has been the best. I love u both.

Clotilde Serrano

Silvia Socarras
"One day in your life you'll remember these days!" Thanks mom and dad. Love u

Thelma Renette Toliver
Friends are like poems, they get more meaningful every day.

Ramona Torres
Thanks nana and tata for these past four yrs. They've been the best.

Bernadine Vigil
Thanks mom and dad for giving me the best. You've made me so happy.

Diane Williams
Mom, dad and family, thank you for always being there.

Susana Ybarra
Thank you mom and dad for supporting me these 12 years.

Gina Zevallos
Thanks mom and dad for all the wonderful things you've done for me.

We have ascended yet another step in the ladder of life which will lead us closer to the fulfillment of our individual goals.

In a cycle
there is no real end.
Thus, here we do not approach an end, but a convergence.

Letters from the Editor

'We wanted a fiery art and a way to speak out

Points of origin

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Some rare breeds

Saying goodbye to "little friends"

THOMAS DOLBY
8049

"And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make."

and beyond

GINNY

Backyard creators of art that says 'I did it, I'm here'

THIS YEAR.

Lennon was filled with the wit, candor and imagination that marked his most probing songs . . . . He seemed to go out of his way to make people feel at home . . . . Whatever the subject, he attacked it with a draining intensity . . . . He wanted to dig as deeply as possible.

Yes.

FERNANDEL

Por Mik

YEAH, YEAH, YEAH!

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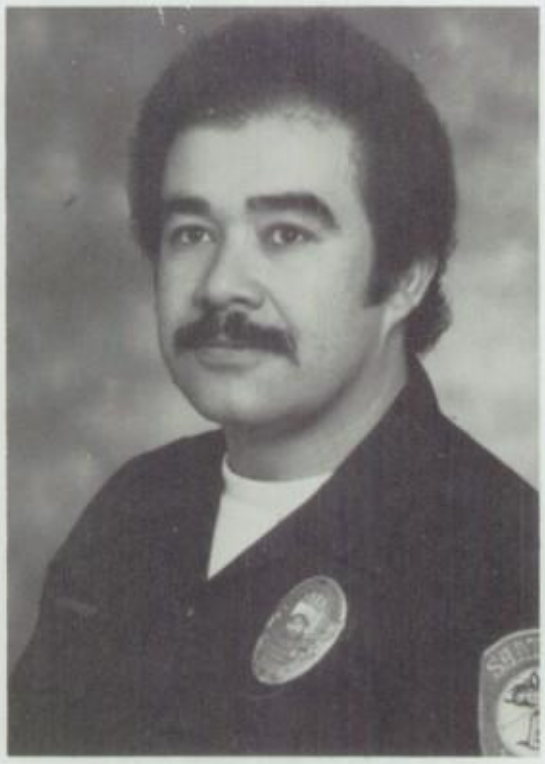

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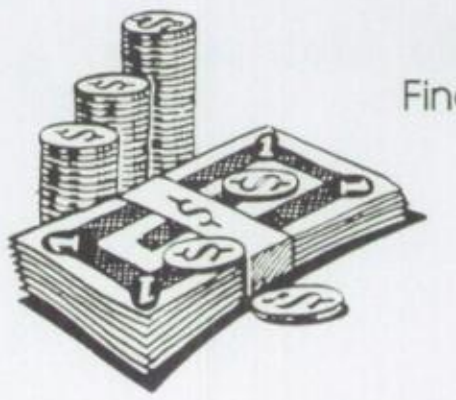

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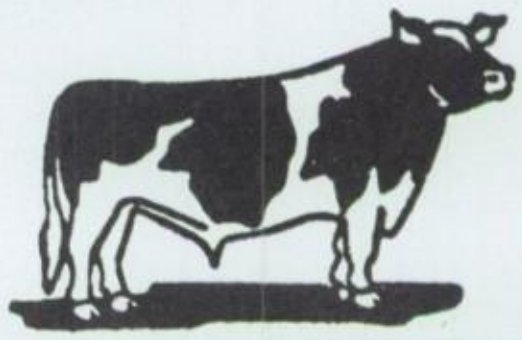

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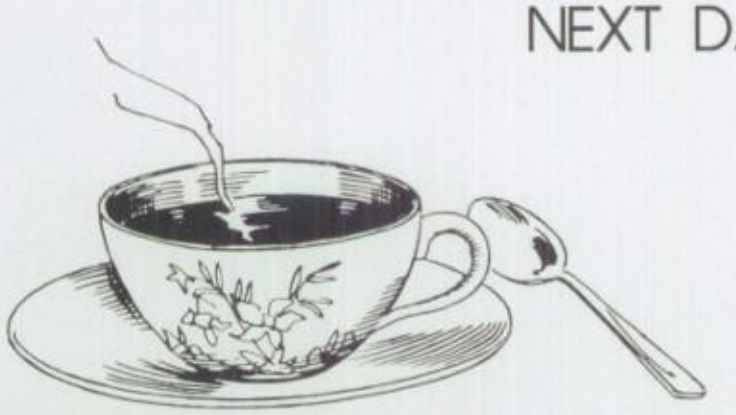

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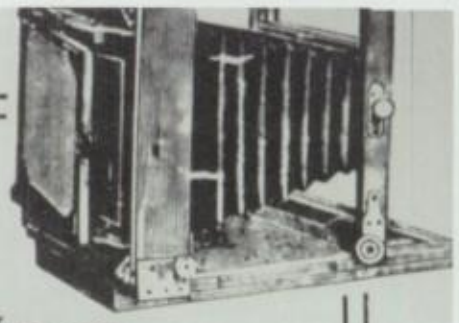

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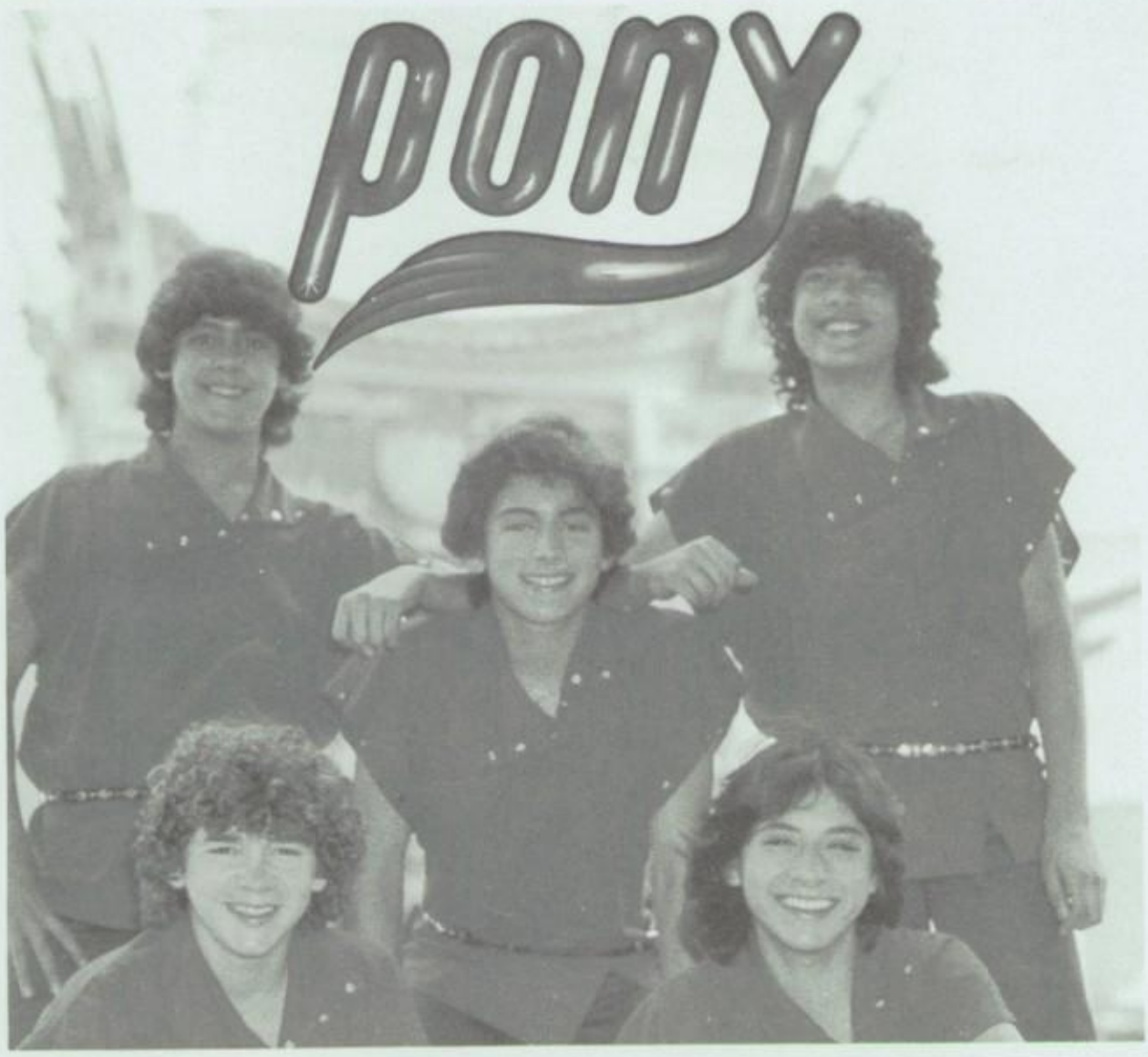

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I leave Matthias with the best education possible. Thanks Mom and Dad.

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To Silvia Ma.:

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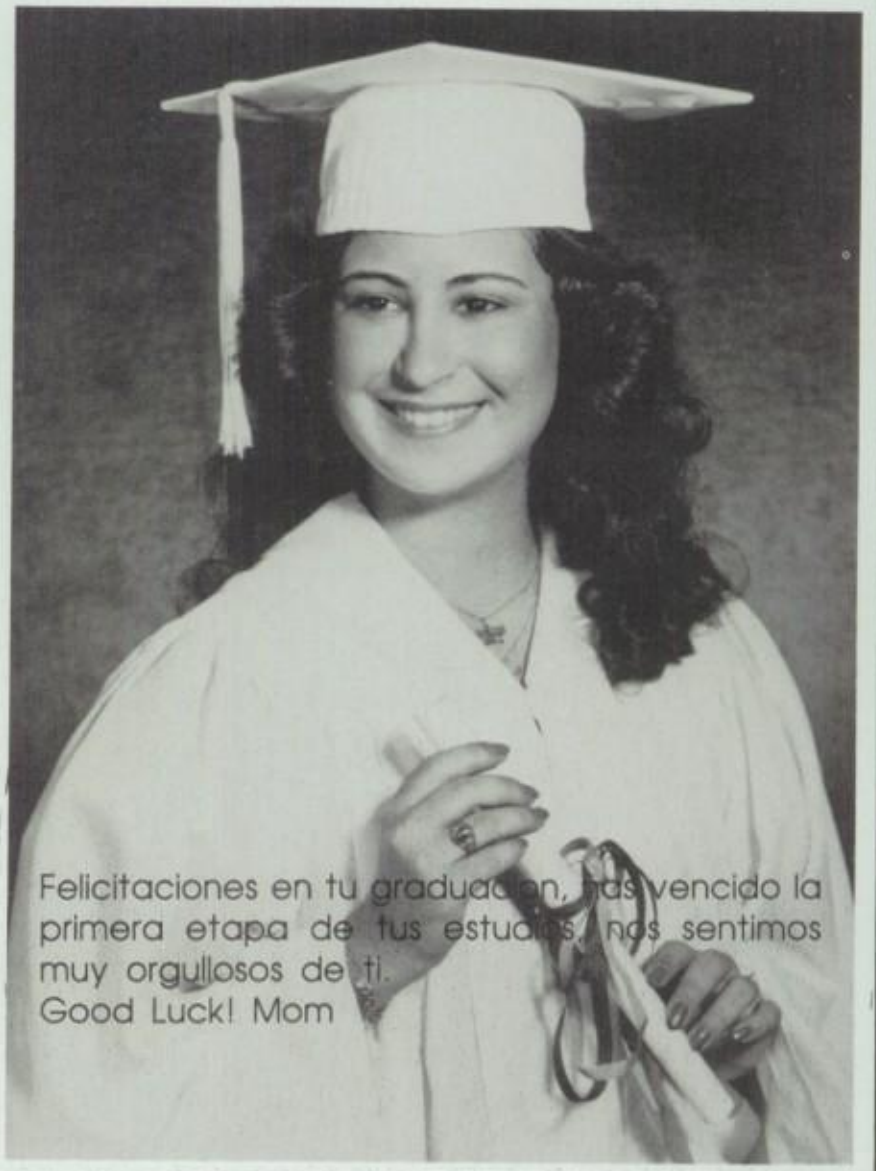

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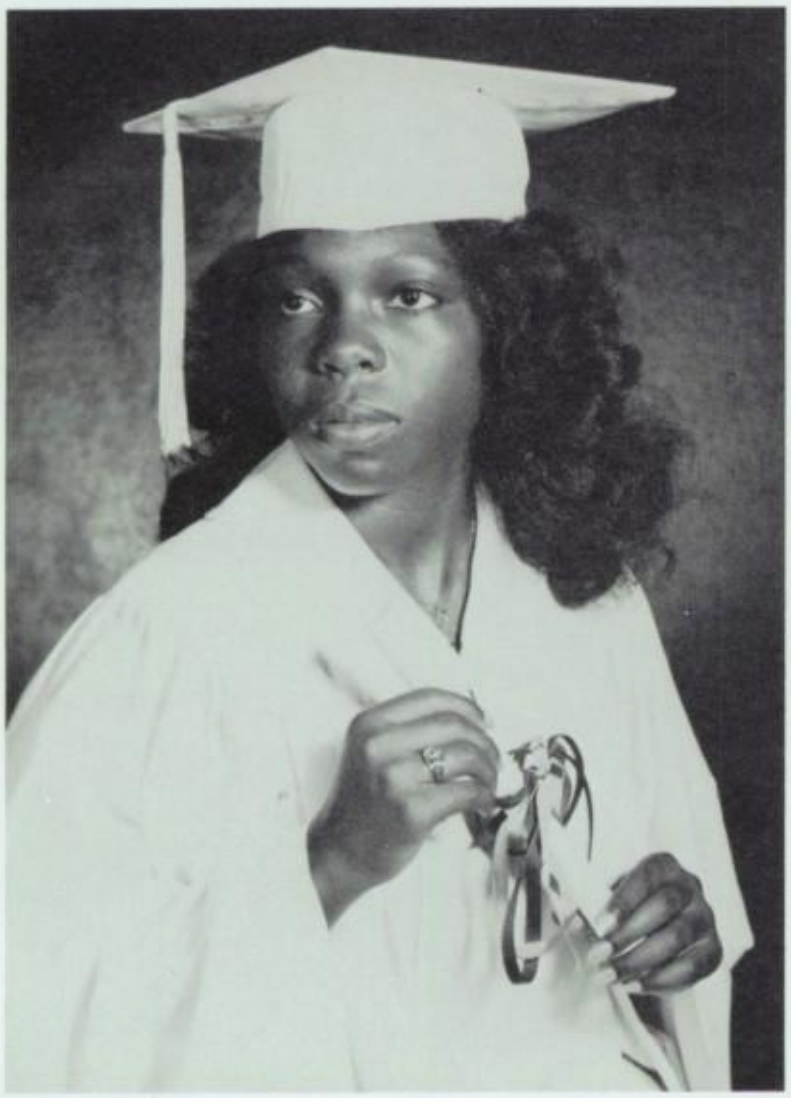

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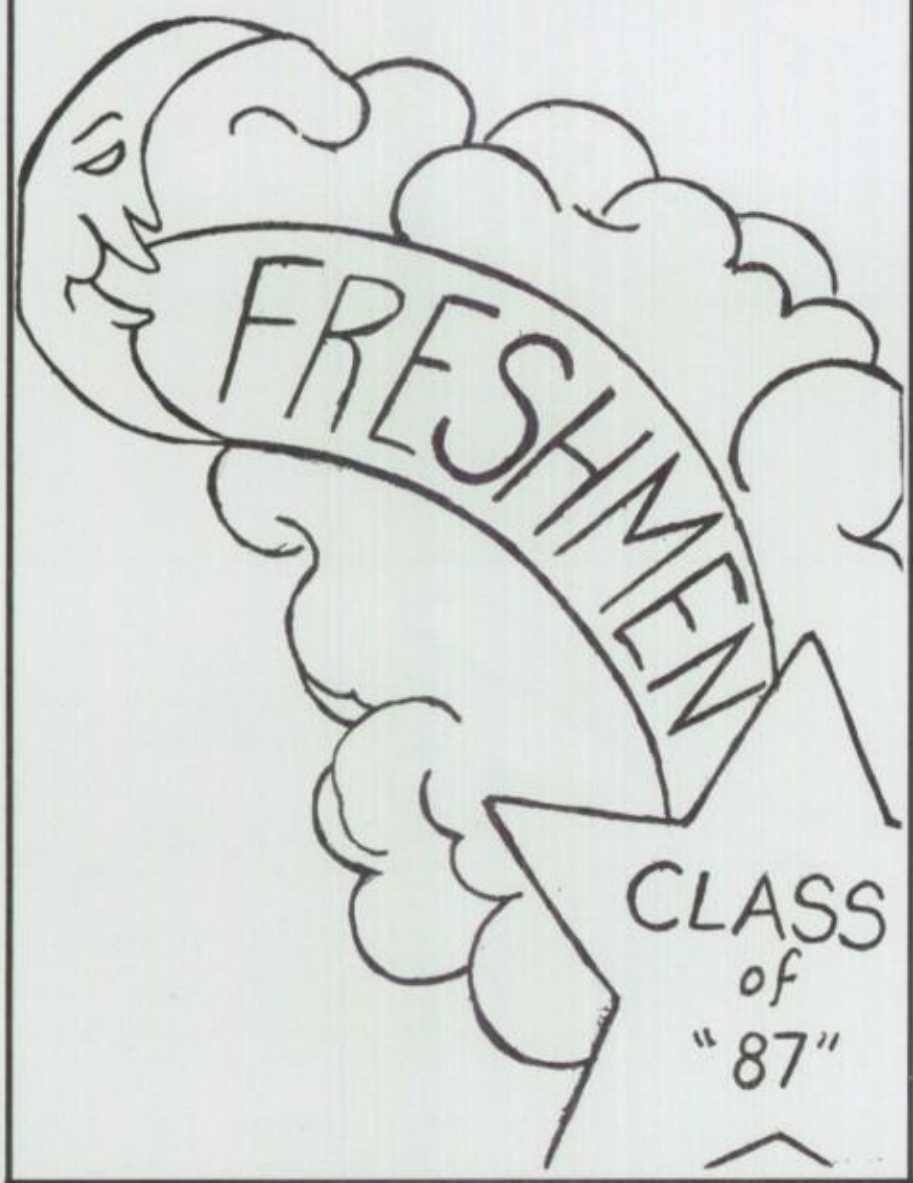

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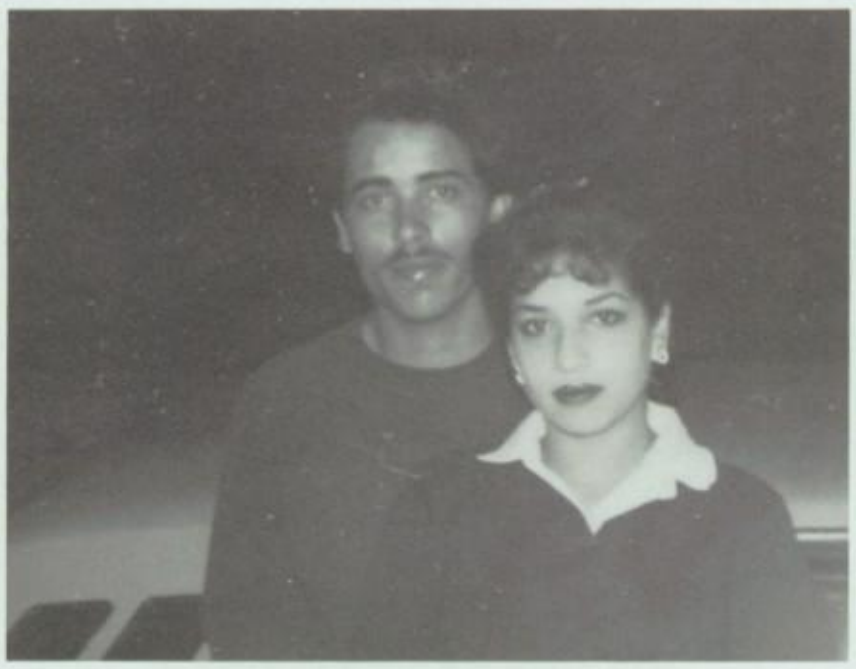

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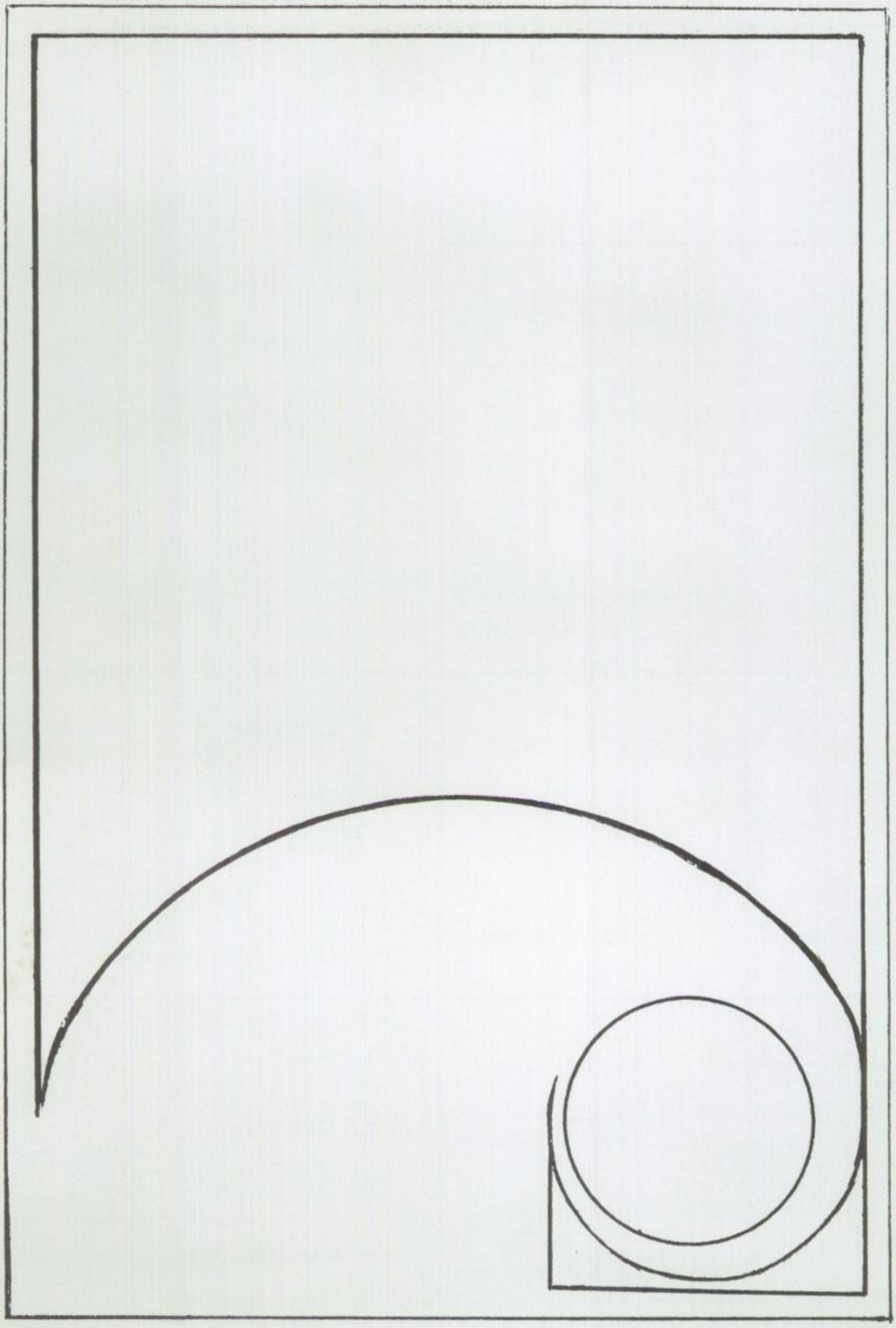

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